

# FOCUS

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## Plattsburgh State Welcomes New President

On an absolutely beautiful late June afternoon on the shores of Lake Champlain, faculty, staff, College Council members and emeriti faculty attended a welcome picnic for President John Ettling at the Valcour Educational Conference Center Boathouse. This was the first official function for Ettling, who began his tenure as the College's 10th president on June 15.

Members of the College community enjoyed the opportunity to meet the new president, since it was the first time many had to welcome Ettling to Plattsburgh.

The picnic was sponsored by Sodexo Campus Services, College Auxiliary Services, United University Professions, Civil Service Employees Administration and the Plattsburgh College Foundation.

After having a few weeks to settle in, Ettling's first public appearance was in the Fourth of July Parade in Plattsburgh. Ettling drove one of the College's GEM (electric) cars side-by-side with Mayor Daniel Stewart, who was also driving a city-owned GEM car.

Later in the evening, Ettling joined Stewart on the Macdonough Stage downtown to introduce the Dave Grippo Funk Band, whose appearance at the Mayor's Cup was sponsored by the Plattsburgh Alumni Association. Grippo is a 1981 alumnus from Burlington, Vt.

"My first month at Plattsburgh State has been wonderful," said Ettling. "I've had the opportunity to meet



**Dr. Ettling talks with Peg Byrne and Frances Krinovitz during Plattsburgh Day at Lake Forest Senior Community.**

with many members of the College community and have enjoyed meeting people in the Plattsburgh community. I've also enjoyed exploring the beautiful North Country and getting used to my new surroundings."

Several more events are planned during the coming months to welcome the president to campus, including an inauguration ceremony.

Ettling will preside over the opening campus-wide meeting, scheduled for Friday, Aug. 20 at 8:30 a.m. in the E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium. All members of the Plattsburgh State community are invited to attend.

## Dr. Roy Patton Named Director of Athletics

The former men's soccer coach at the University of Vermont has been named the new director of athletics at Plattsburgh State.

Dr. Roy Patton, from Burlington, Vt., was the director of coaching, marketing and development at the Nordic Spirit Soccer Club in Vermont. He had been the men's soccer head coach at UVM from 1996 to 2003.

He started his new position at Plattsburgh State on July 27.

"I'm very pleased with the outcome of the search for a new athletic



**Patton**

director and would like to thank the members of the search committee for their hard work and service to the College," said Dr. John Ettling, president of Plattsburgh State. "Dr. Patton has an excellent background in athletics and sport management, and we are looking forward to welcoming him to campus."

Patton was named the America East Coach of the Year in 1998 and 2000 and is ranked nationally in the top 20 among Division 1 soccer coaches for career wins.

"I'm delighted to be coming to Plattsburgh State," said Patton. "When I left after my interview, I felt very positive, and to be honest, I had no negative feelings. I had plenty of time to think about it, and the more I thought, the more I knew this was right for me. When I received the offer, I realized it was a good fit for me and for the College. I've always had a yearning to go into sports administrations, and I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and do my best for athletics at Plattsburgh State."

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# SUNY Plattsburgh Receives Middle States Approval

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education has commended Plattsburgh State for the progress the campus has made in the two years since the commission's visit in April 2002.

When the commission issued its report in June 2002, the commission requested a follow-up report documenting progress in two areas. First, development and implementation of a comprehensive institutional strategic plan that addresses goals and objectives, provides a means of reallocating scarce resources and funding new initiatives, establishes linkages with the budget process and identifies accountabilities. Secondly, development and implementation of a comprehensive outcomes assessment plan including student learning outcomes, institutional effectiveness and utilization of results for improvement.

Dr. John Ettling, president of SUNY Plattsburgh, said he was pleased with the effort of everyone involved in meeting the requests of the commission.

"The campus is better today than two years ago as a result of the processes established. I want to thank Bob Golden (provost and vice president for academic affairs) for his leadership in this endeavor. It is always a monumental undertaking, but one that improves the college

campus for our students."

The next periodic review by Middle States will be completed in 2007.



**Robert Emery (left), head coach of the men's ice hockey team, introduces the newest member of the Cardinal Sports Hall of Fame, Dr. Peter De Armas '85 (right). De Armas, who played hockey at Plattsburgh from 1981 to 1985, was inducted on July 9. He had a career total 209 points and was an All-American First Team and a SUNY-AC First Team selection. De Armas and his wife, Tammy '85, and their three children reside in Marina del Rey, Calif. He owns a chiropractic practice in Escondido.**

## FOCUS Calendar Monday, July 26 - Friday, August 27

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

### MONDAY, JULY 26

**8 a.m.** Upward Bound. C.V., Sibley and Memorial Halls.  
**8 a.m.** EOP Program. Hawkins Hall, Hudson Hall.

### TUESDAY, JULY 27

**8 a.m.** Upward Bound. C.V., Sibley and Memorial Halls.  
**8 a.m.** EOP Program. Hawkins Hall, Hudson Hall.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

**8 a.m.** Upward Bound. C.V., Sibley and Memorial Halls.  
**8 a.m.** EOP Program. Hawkins Hall, Hudson Hall.

### THURSDAY, JULY 29

**8 a.m.** Upward Bound. C.V., Sibley and Memorial Halls.  
**8 a.m.** EOP Program. Hawkins Hall, Hudson Hall.  
**6 p.m.** EOP Summer Program Final Banquet. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

### FRIDAY, JULY 30

**8 a.m.** Upward Bound. C.V., Sibley and Memorial Halls.

### MONDAY, AUG. 2

**8 a.m.** Upward Bound. C.V., Sibley and Memorial Halls.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 3

**8 a.m.** Upward Bound. C.V., Sibley and Memorial Halls.

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 4

**8 a.m.** Upward Bound. C.V., Sibley and Memorial Halls.  
**1 p.m.** Enrichment Showcase, sponsored by Upward Bound. Krinovitz Recital Hall.  
**6:30 p.m.** Democracy for America Meetup, sponsored by UUP. Hawkins Hall 153D.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 5

**8 a.m.** Upward Bound. C.V., Sibley and Memorial Halls.  
**5:30 p.m.** Upward Bound Banquet. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 6

**8 a.m.** Upward Bound Final Program Breakfast. Angell Center Warren Ballrooms.

### MONDAY, AUG. 9

**12:30 p.m.** Divisional Library Picnic, sponsored by Library & Information Services. Angell Center Courtyard. (Rainsite: Angell Center Warren Ballrooms.)

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18

**7:30 a.m.** New Faculty Orientation, sponsored by Human Resources. Angell College Center.  
**8:30 a.m.** International Student Orientation. Yokum Hall 206.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 19

**12 p.m.** Opening Division Luncheon, sponsored by Student Affairs & Enrollment Management. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.  
**FRIDAY, AUG. 20**  
**8 a.m.** Campus-wide opening meeting with Dr. Ettling. E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 21

**7 a.m.** Move-in for fall semester begins.  
**12 p.m.** English Placement Exam. Yokum Hall 202.  
**1 p.m.** French Placement Exam. Yokum Hall 202.  
**1 p.m.** German Placement Exam. Yokum Hall 205.  
**1 p.m.** Spanish Placement Exam. Yokum Hall 206.  
**10 p.m.** Tim Young Comedian, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

### SUNDAY, AUG. 22

**8 a.m.** Opening Weekend Activities, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Courtyard. (Rainsite: Angell Center Warren Ballrooms.)

### MONDAY, AUG. 23

#### FALL SEMESTER BEGINS

**9 a.m.** Student Employment

Job Fair, sponsored by Career Development Center. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 24

**9:30 a.m.** Freshman Seminar. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25

**10 a.m.** Boise Office Product Show. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.  
**11 a.m.** Fraternity/Sorority Fair, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Lobby.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 26

**9:30 a.m.** Freshman Seminar, sponsored by Student Support Services. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.  
**12:15 p.m.** Women's Studies Forum, sponsored by Women's Studies Department. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.  
**7 p.m.** Project HELP Ice Cream Info. Session, sponsored by Project Help. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 27

**10 p.m.** Welcome Back Party, sponsored by O.W.E. Tickets: \$3 SA Members, \$4 public, on sale at the Angell Center Information Desk. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.



## McClellan Named Director of Lifelong Learning

Kathy McClellan has been named director of lifelong learning effective July 1.

McClellan had served as interim director for the Center of Lifelong Learning since the retirement of Dr. Janet Worthington in June 2003. Her new appointment came after a search for the position this spring.

"Kathy has shown a strong ability to work with her colleagues on campus," said Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "I'm delighted that she is going to be with us as the director of the Center for Lifelong Learning."

McClellan came to Plattsburgh three years ago



McClellan

when she was hired as NCATE coordinator in educational studies and services. Two months later, McClellan was asked to be interim director of the Office of Field Placement when then director James McCartney left to pursue another opportunity.

"While I was serving as interim director of field experiences and student teaching, the position of interim director of lifelong learning opened up, which was an area I was interested in," said McClellan.

McClellan said she is excited about the future of lifelong learning at Plattsburgh State.

"The Center for Lifelong learning has been in a huge transition during the past year, and I've been a part of that process. I look forward to the new role of lifelong learning, which will focus on continuing education and the community," said McClellan.

## Summer Educational Opportunity Program Celebrates 25 Years

The Educational Opportunity Program (E.O.P.) at Plattsburgh State is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its summer program this year with the theme, "25 Summers of Community and Excellence."

Although E.O.P. has been a part of Plattsburgh State for 34 years, the addition of the summer program was instituted in 1979.

The summer program provides incoming freshmen the opportunity to brush up on their math, writing, reading and library skills and to get a head start on college academics. Students in the summer program spend four weeks at Plattsburgh State and live in the residence halls while they receive an extensive orientation to college life.

Marlene Fields, director of E.O.P., said, "This year's program will mark my 11th summer program at Plattsburgh State and the 18th year since my introduction to E.O.P. in 1986. This pre-college experience continues to be an invaluable academic and social introduction to college for our incoming freshmen."

Fields is pleased with what the program does for its participants.

"The summer program assists incoming students in transitioning from high school and home to college and relative independence," said Fields. "The academic boost and self-confidence gained during our summer



This year's E.O.P. summer program participants.

program experience goes a long way in the students' overall success and has established lasting friendships and fond remembrances among its participants."

The E.O.P. provides support services to New York State residents who qualify both academically and financially for the program. Using specific admission and financial aid criteria, E.O.P. is offered to students who have demonstrated financial need and the potential to do college work.

## Patton (Continued from Page 1)

Prior to his coaching in Vermont, he was the director of men's and women's soccer programs at the University of South Alabama, where he was also the head men's soccer coach. As the coach, he had 14 consecutive NCAA Division 1 winning seasons.

Patton began his career in education as a high school science teacher in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

He came to the United States in the summers of 1979 and 1980 to play and coach soccer in the Annandale, Va. area. He was then offered a job at the University of South Alabama.

Patton received his bachelor's of physical education and biology from Queens University in Belfast. He received his master's of education from the University of South Alabama and a doctorate of educa-

tion in sports management from the U.S. Sports Academy in Daphne, Ala.

Patton is married to Dr. Katherine Habeeb, who works at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, Vt. They have two children, Liam, 9 and Sophia, 2.

Cheryl Cole, who has been filling the role of interim athletic director since April 1, will continue as head women's basketball coach.



## Plattsburgh State Sculpture Park Expands With Two New Pieces

In its continuing effort to present the campus community and the public with a representative collection of contemporary sculpture, the Plattsburgh State Art Museum has added two pieces to its outdoor collection. These are Drew Goerlitz's "Libertas" (2002) in steel and paper and Chris Duncan's "Fairy Tales of New York" (2000-2001) in steel and cement.

Edward Brohel, director of the Plattsburgh State Art Museum, said that these new sculptures expand the Sculpture Park's reservoir of visual opportunity.

"The Plattsburgh Sculpture Park offers our students and community an opportunity to experience 21st century three-dimensional creativity," said Brohel. "The Sculpture Park has become a significant locale in New York State's unique list of art collections."



**"Libertas" by Drew Goerlitz.**

Goerlitz received his bachelor's degree from SUNY Plattsburgh in 2000 and holds a Master's of Fine Arts

from the University of Maryland.

Goerlitz has an impressive exhibition record. His work has been shown at Contemporary Art in Washington D.C., Franconia Sculpture Park in Shafer, Minn. and Outdoor Sculpture Park in Baltimore, Md. He is currently a sculpture technician at Notre Dame.

Duncan received his bachelor's from Colby College in Waterville, Maine.

His advanced studies were done at the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in Skowhegan, Maine and the New York Studio School in New York City. He was the recipient of the Guggenheim Fellowship and Pollock Kranser Grant.

Duncan's work has been exhibited at the School of Visual Arts, Franconia Sculpture Park and Socrates Sculpture Park in New York City. He is currently a faculty member at Union College.



**"Fairy Tales of New York" by Chris Duncan.**

## Rao Receives Fulbright Grant

Dr. Shakuntala Rao, associate professor of communication, was awarded a senior research and lecturer Fulbright grant by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and the U.S. Information Agency to teach in Punjab, India.

Rao will teach graduate level courses at Punjabi University in Patiala, Punjab.

Her teaching will focus on the areas of international communication and media ethics in the United States.

In addition to teaching, she will conduct workshops for faculty and students in curriculum development and research methods.

She is one of approximately 1,500 U.S. Fulbright grantees who will be abroad during the 2004-05 academic year. Under the Fulbright program, American students, teachers and scholars study, teach and conduct research throughout the world, and foreign nations engage in similar activities in the United States.

Individuals are selected based on academic and professional qualifications, and their ability and willingness to share ideas and experience with people of diverse cultures.



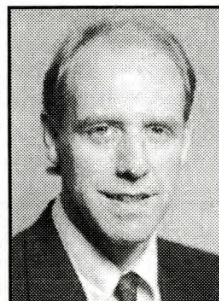
**Rao**

## Spotlight

on faculty and staff

### Dr. Robert Christopherson,

chair and associate professor of economics and finance, and Dr. Siamack Shojai, former dean of the School of Business and Economics, have co-edited, *Globalization: The Virtuous Vice*, published by Praeger Publishing (June 2004). This collection of thirteen chapters, the first of which was written by Christopherson and Shojai, examines globalization from economic, social, political and cultural perspectives. The authors and co-editors contend that globalization is a complex process, with many positive and negative attributes.



**Christopherson**



**Shojai**



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## Opening Weekend Marks Beginning of School Year

The end of August marks the start of the 2004-2005 academic year at Plattsburgh State. With our new president at the helm, John Ettling, Plattsburgh State sailed into the new year with some fun opening weekend activities.

Ettling welcomed faculty and staff back for the new semester during the annual opening meeting in the E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium on Friday, Aug. 20. He said he was delighted to be here and had received a wonderful reception on campus and in the community.

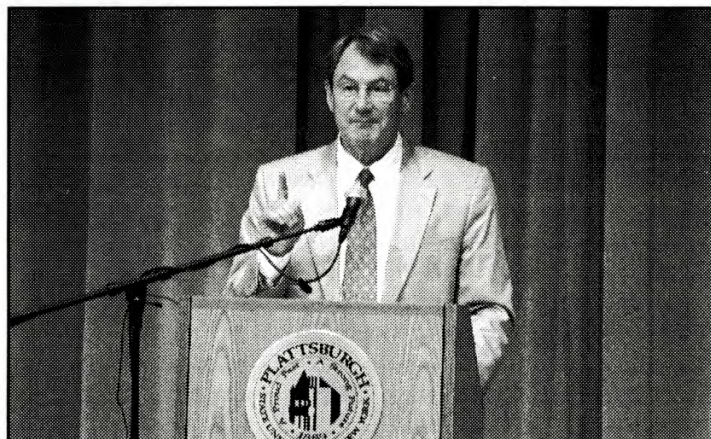
Ettling said that the people he has met during his two months in Plattsburgh have said the vital signs for the College are strong.

"It's important to hear from one's doctor that he's in good health," said Ettling. "But then there's the question: What will I do with my life starting today?"

The new president said we need to look very closely at those things that we have control over, including enrollment management and fundraising.

Ettling told the more than 500 faculty and staff in attendance that the College is many things to many people, from a catalyst for economic growth to a sanctuary for scholarship and study.

"I would argue that the modern American university is the purest expression of collective human aspirations, in all their manifold and competing par-



**Dr. John Ettling welcomes faculty and staff back for the new semester during the annual meeting.**

ticulars," said Ettling. "Universities are human creations, built and maintained by people, they do not derive their authority from divine revelation but from a belief in the accomplishments and possibilities of the trained intellect."

On Saturday, Aug. 21, the sidewalks along Rugar Street were the scene of boxes, televisions, refrigerators

*(See Opening Weekend, Page 4)*

## Two Receive Promotions to Full Professor

Two faculty members at Plattsburgh State have received pro-

motions to full professors effective Sept. 1, and nine others have received promotions to associate professor.

Receiving promotions to professor are: Dr. Martha Frost, child family services, and Carla Hendrix, library and information services.

**Frost** joined the faculty as an assistant professor in 1980. She was promoted to associate professor in 1987. Prior to coming to Plattsburgh, Frost was an assistant

professor at the University of Vermont and a teacher in Rochester, N.Y. and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Frost received her undergraduate degree in vocational home economics from the University of Kentucky in 1971. She received her master's in home economics education and her Ed.D. in vocational education also from the University of Kentucky.

*(See Promotions, Page 2)*



**Frost**



**Hendrix**

# Welcome New and Returning Students



## Hot Water Lines Being Installed on Rugar Street

Plattsburgh State is currently replacing a portion of the high temperature hot water lines to the Macdonough and Harrington residence halls on Rugar Street.

In the spring and summer of 2001, SUNY Plattsburgh replaced a major portion of the College's continuous loop line, which carries high temperature hot water to heat exchangers in the various facilities and then back to the Heating Plant. That project, which did not include construction of new lines to Macdonough and Harrington halls, replaced an existing 25-year-old loop that experienced several major ruptures.

Supinski said that an oil-fired boiler in Macdonough has generated hot water and steam for Harrington and Macdonough halls since then.

Supinski said, "With this new project, the high temperature lines will connect these buildings with our central heating plant, and we will be able to save on our heating costs. This will be very economical for the College."

The project will involve installing high temperature hot water lines underground from the Angell College Center east along the sidewalk in front of Myers Fine Arts Building. It will then cross the roadway in front of Myers and then make a 90 degree right turn and cross Rugar Street. It will eventually connect to Macdonough and Harrington halls.

Although the work is not expected to have a great effect on traffic, SUNY Plattsburgh is currently discussing possible sporadic road closures with city officials. The construction project will take about four weeks.

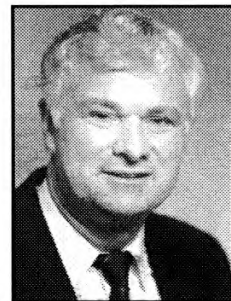
## Drs. Adams and Skopp Named Co-directors of the Center for Teaching Effectiveness

Dr. Kenneth Adams, distinguished teaching professor of earth and environmental science, and Dr. Douglas Skopp, distinguished teaching professor of history, have been appointed co-directors of the recently created Center for Teaching Effectiveness at Plattsburgh State.

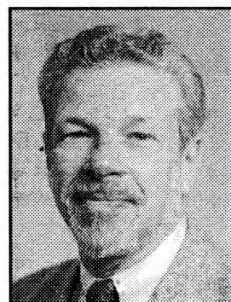
The purpose of the Center is to design a series of workshops, presentations and discussions focusing on exploration and examination of pedagogical issues and techniques and providing support and opportunities to improve teaching effectiveness.

In addition, an Advisory Council will be formed to assist the co-directors in creating the agenda and to plan and implement the activities of the Center during this initial year.

The individuals asked to join this Advisory Council are recognized by their peers and students as distinguished teaching professors, Chancellor's Excellence in Teaching Award recipients and recipients of other teaching awards. Their participation and engagement in helping to create this Center will be critical for its success.



Adams



Skopp

## Promotions (Continued from Page 1)

Frost was awarded the National Advisor Award from Phi Upsilon Omicron National Honor Society in Family and Consumer Sciences in 1999.

She has also received the National Distinguished Service Award for Service from Phi Upsilon Omicron.

In 1996, she received the Distinguished Alumna Mid-Career Award from the University of Kentucky College of Human Environmental Sciences.

She has received numerous fellowships and grants during her tenure at Plattsburgh State and has written numerous scholarly articles, which have appeared in juried publications. She has presented professional papers at national and international meetings.

Hendrix joined the library faculty in 1989. Last year, she was awarded the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

Her publications, service record and teaching evaluations reveal a history of consistent and excellent effort in supporting and enhancing instruction, student learning and effective library services.

She has served as head of access services, personnel coordinator for the division and most recently as coordinator of Collection Development and Management for the library.

She is active in her scholarship as well as writing several peer-reviewed articles, giving several presentations, writing two book reviews and designing and developing several course-related web

pages.

Hendrix received her bachelor's degree from Wellesley College; her master's in library science from Simmons College; and her Ed.M. from Harvard University.

Nine faculty members have received promotions to associate professor: Dr. Deborah Altamirano, anthropology; Dr. Aline Bobys, literacy education; Dr. Beverly Burnell, counselor education; Dr. Richard Davies, music; Dr. Katherine Dunham, psychology; Dr. Fernando Iturburu, foreign languages and literature; Dr. David Keys, sociology; Dr. Marilyn Nelson, childhood education; and Dr. Jean Ouedraogo, foreign languages and literature.

One other faculty member have received a continuing appointment: Dr. Nancy Elwess, biology.



## Dailey Named New V.P. for Institutional Advancement

President John Ettling has announced the appointment of Nancy A. Dailey as vice president for institutional advancement effective Oct. 4. Dailey is currently the vice chancellor for external relations at Indiana University Kokomo (IUK).

She will assume the leadership role in institutional advancement from John R. Homburger, vice president for business affairs, who has served as the interim vice president for institutional advancement for the past year.

Ettling said the college community would find Nancy Dailey to be a very capable and qualified individual in this position.

"Given the current state of reality in higher education, the chief institutional advancement officer is fundamental in the development of financial resources for new programs and degrees if a college is to advance the education of our future businesspeople and leaders," said Ettling.

"I am very pleased that Nancy has accepted the position as vice president for institutional advancement. She is a very capable and knowledgeable individual with a considerable background in development, alumni relations and communications."

Dailey said she is looking forward



**Dailey**

to working with the new president, the vice presidents, the campus and the Plattsburgh community.

"I have every confidence in the leadership of President Ettling and an appreciation for the importance of SUNY Plattsburgh to the region," said Dailey. "Its people and programs are second to none, and I am deeply committed to helping advance the campus. I look forward to meeting the campus community, alumni and friends and becoming a part of the Plattsburgh community. It is a great place to live and to work."

Ettling also thanked John Homburger for his service as interim vice president for institutional advancement and for chairing the search committee.

"It is hard to put in to word how valuable John Homburger has been as a leader throughout the past year. However, I want to thank him on behalf of the college community for his service to his alma mater."

Ettling added, "I also want to thank the members of the search committee for their time and effort. I believe the committee should be proud of its success in finding a very qualified individual in Nancy."

Dailey has served as vice chancellor

for external relations at Indiana University Kokomo since June 2000 and oversees development, alumni programming, donor relations, legislative affairs, communications and marketing.

The Office of External Relations oversees the raising of external funds for the college and coordinates campus contacts with the Indiana legislature and other government agencies.

Prior to joining IUK as vice chancellor, she was the director of development-major gifts at Indiana University's College of Arts and Sciences (Bloomington).

Dailey also has served as director of annual giving for the University of Florida Foundation; associate director of development and director of annual giving at Ball State University; and editor-in chief of corporate communications at Resort Condominiums International, Inc. in Indianapolis. She has also worked as a journalist for *Indiana Business Magazine*, *The Muncie Star*, and as a freelance writer and editor, with articles appearing in such publications as *National Geographic*.

Dailey holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from Purdue University and has done postgraduate work in radio/television and business at Ball State University.

Dailey and her husband, Richard, have a son, Larry, who is a lawyer and in graduate school.

## Newton Recipient of Adjunct Faculty Award

The Teaching Excellence Award for Adjunct Faculty was awarded to Lisa Newton during the annual opening meeting on Friday, Aug. 20.

Newton has been teaching regularly in the Psychology Department since 1989. She has taught such courses as adolescence, early childhood development and personality. She has also taught AMA courses at CVPH for the Center for Lifelong Learning.

Newton holds a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Plattsburgh State (1984) and a master's in clinical psychology from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

"I teach because I love the classroom, and the interaction with students," said Newton. "It keeps me growing intellectually and young at heart."



**Newton**



# Trombley to be Inducted into Cardinal Sports Hall of Fame

Karin Sherman Trombley '96 will be inducted into the Cardinal Sports Hall of Fame on Friday, Sept. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall Lobby. Everyone is invited to attend.

"I am deeply honored to be inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame at Plattsburgh State," said Trombley. "Every time I think about it, I become consumed with emotion."

Trombley was a powerhouse member of the women's soccer team in 1991 and 1993-1995. In 1992, she took a year off of soccer and was a member of the women's basketball team.

As a member of the women's soccer team, Trombley received many accolades for her performance on the field. She was NSCAA All-Northeast player in 1994 and 1995, an All-State player in 1993, 1994 and 1995, and was chosen All-SUNYAC in 1994 and 1995.

She was chosen Plattsburgh State Female Athlete of the Year in 1994 and was given the Senior Achievement Award in 1996.

She broke five Plattsburgh State soccer school records including 41 career goals, 16 season goals, season scoring leader with 37 points, career scoring points of 100 and 18 career assists.

Following graduation, Trombley became a soccer coach and gym teacher at Clinton Community College. She also worked as a camp recruiter at the Lake Placid Soccer Center.

She returned to Plattsburgh State in the fall of 1996 to



**Trombley**

work on her master's in the administrative leadership program. She received her master's from Plattsburgh State in 2002.

Trombley is currently a teacher's assistant in special education at Momot Elementary School in Plattsburgh. She works in an 8-1-2 classroom (eight students, one teacher and two teacher's assistant). She assists the classroom teacher and works with students who have behavioral difficulties and other needs.

"Plattsburgh State and its soccer program really opened doors for me," said Trombley. "I came to Plattsburgh State with a learning disability, but the community at the College helped to calm my anxiety and encouraged me to succeed. This truly became my home away from home. The mentoring available to students through offices like Student Support Services is a tremendous help to students."

Trombley, originally from Vestal, N.Y., said that her family will be traveling to Plattsburgh to be with her for the induction ceremony.

"I'm very excited that my family will be here with me. When I played soccer for Plattsburgh State, my parents came to every game. This will be a chance for them to come back to the College and reunite with my old friends like Head Soccer Coach Karen Wiley and Dr. Michele Carpentier, director of student support services."

Trombley and her husband, Michael, have been married for four years. Their son, Michael Sherman, was born last June.

For more information on the induction ceremony, call Gina Bond at 518-564-2090.

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**A freshman helps plant the tree outside of Hawkins Hall for the Class of 2008 following Fall Convocation.**

and that favorite blanket from home as new and returning students moved into the residence halls.

The annual Fall Convocation Ceremony was held on Saturday at 7

p.m. in the E. Glenn Glitz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall. Ettling welcomed freshmen and transfer students during the ceremony, which was followed by the planting of the class tree in honor of the graduating class of 2008.

Later Saturday night, Dr. Elizabeth Bernat, assistant professor in the Department of Communication, addressed students in "Living College as Emeril Lagasse (BAM!): Kickin' It Up a Notch!" in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center.

Also on Saturday night, comedian Tim Young performed in the Warren Ballrooms.

On Sunday, Aug. 22, sororities and fra-

ternities in conjunction with Sodexo Campus Services hosted an all-campus barbeque in the Angell College Center Courtyard.

The picnic provided a great opportunity for students to enjoy some good food, have some fun and meet new friends. Classes began the next day, Monday, at 8 a.m.



**Students gathered at an all-campus picnic sponsored by the fraternities and sororities with Sodexo Campus Services.**



## Tyo Appointed Executive Assistant to the President

Keith Tyo has been named executive assistant to the president at Plattsburgh State.

Tyo will also continue to serve as director of public relations until a search for that position has been completed.

As executive assistant to President John Ettling, Tyo will be responsible for governmental relations and special projects for the president. He will serve on the College's emergency response team, and the Office of Public Relations will continue to report to him.

President Ettling said he asked Tyo to serve as executive assistant because of his knowledge and experience in community and government relations.

"I was impressed with Keith's knowledge and ability to work with everyone on campus and in the community when I came to campus on several visits following my appointment as president by Chancellor King," said Ettling.



Tyo

"I believe he will be instrumental in assisting me on the issues facing Plattsburgh State."

Tyo said he was looking forward to the new position.

"I have enjoyed serving as director of public relations for Plattsburgh State and working with a devoted staff. However, after nearly nine years, I am ready for a new challenge," said Tyo. "I'm excited to begin a new phase of my career as executive assistant, and I look forward to working closely with President Ettling, the Executive Council and the campus community to move the College forward."

Tyo was first appointed director of public relations in 1995.

Prior to that he worked as a radio announcer for WPDM/WSNN (Potsdam, N.Y.), special legislative assistant to former Assemblyman John G.A. O'Neil, director of public relations/corporate development for the Adirondack North Country Association, and director of public relations at Paul Smith's College.

He holds a bachelor's degree in communications studies from SUNY Oswego.

## Spotlight on faculty and staff

**Patty Bentley**, librarian and president of the local chapter of United University Professions (UUP), has been elected to the National Council of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). UUP began a relationship with AAUP in May 2000 with 1,000 UUP members designated as members of AAUP. Since then, Bentley have served on the Government Relations Committee, which works on federal and state legislation related to Higher Education. She also served on the New York State Conference Executive Committee

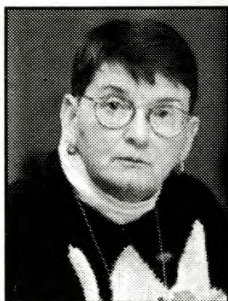
working on the Committees on (NYS) Government Relations and the Committee on the Status of Women in the profession. Bentley is the first SUNY faculty member to serve on the National Council since at least 1978 and the only librarian.

Tim Clukey, assistant professor in the Communication Department, recently had an article published in the August edition of one of the oldest online magazines, *Web Design & Review*. The article, titled, "5 Steps to a Stand-Out Website," shares a few insights into Web design that he acquired over the years while working with students in MSM312 Multimedia Production Design. Tips from the article include utilizing contrast, proper color selection and leading the viewer around your page by avoiding the overuse of centered items. Other tips can be found online at <http://www.graphicdesign.com/Web/>.

Dr. Robert Golden, provost and

vice president for Academic Affairs, Dr. Bob Davis, professor and senior research scientist at the Auditory Research Laboratories, and Dr. Bob Karp, director of the Office of Institutional Research presented a symposium entitled "An Institutional Response to Uncertain Times: The Development and Implementation of a Transformational Integrated Strategic Planning, Assessment, and Budgeting Process" at the May 2004 North Atlantic Regional Conference of the Society for College and University Planning in Quebec City, Canada.

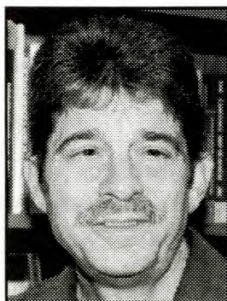
Ginger Johnson, library clerk, has been an employee of Feinberg Library for the past 27 years. She is also a watercolor artist and has been painting for the past 12 years, but has never been involved with a gallery until recently. She entered two paintings in the Juried Show at the North County Cultural Center for the Arts. Both paintings were chosen for the show.



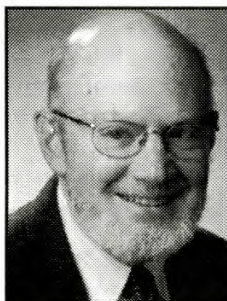
Bentley



Clukey



Davis



Golden



Johnson



Karp



# FOCUS Calendar Wednesday, Aug. 25 - Tuesday, Sept. 21

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25

11 a.m. Fraternity/Sorority Fair, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Lobby.

## THURSDAY, AUG. 26

12:15 p.m. Women's Studies Forum, sponsored by Women's Studies Department. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

7 p.m. Project HELP Ice Cream Info. Session, sponsored by Project Help. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.  
9 p.m. Academic Affairs Board Meeting, sponsored by SA Academic Affairs Board. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

## FRIDAY, AUG. 27

10 p.m. Welcome Back Party, sponsored by O.W.E. Tickets: \$3 SA Members, \$4 public, on sale at the Angell Center Information Desk. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

## SATURDAY, AUG. 28

10 a.m. Greek Training Day, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

10 a.m. Greek Training Day, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center.

1 p.m. "Rock The Vote" Courtyard Concert & Picnic, sponsored by SA Central Affairs Board. Angell College Center Courtyard.

## SUNDAY, AUG. 29

5 p.m. Alive at Five, sponsored by Protestant Campus Ministry. Angell College Center Meeting Room 4.

## TUESDAY, AUG. 31

12:30 p.m. Learning to Learn Workshop Series, presents Goal Setting and Time Management. Sponsored by the Claude J. Clark Learning Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

4:30 p.m. Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meetings, sponsored by Faculty Senate. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 2

12:15 p.m. Order of Omega Meeting, sponsored by Order of Omega. Angell College Center Meeting Room 3.

12:15 p.m. Women's Studies Forum, sponsored by Women's Studies Department. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

7:30 p.m. Visual Artist Series, sponsored by Campus Arts Council. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

9 p.m. Academic Affairs Board Meeting, sponsored by SA Academic Affairs Board. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 3

2 p.m. IFC Goal Setting, sponsored by Interfraternity Council. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

3 p.m. PHC Goal Setting, sponsored by Panhellenic Council. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

4 p.m. ODK Membership Meetings, sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 7

12 p.m. New Member

Workshops, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

12 p.m. Sorority President's Luncheon, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

12:30 p.m. Learning to Learn Workshop Series, presents Strategies for Success. Sponsored by the Claude J. Clark Learning Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

4 p.m. Greek Awards Reception, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8

12 p.m. Committee on Greek Affairs, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

4:30 p.m. ODK New Faculty Reception, sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

11 a.m. CVPB Blood Drive, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

12 p.m. Fraternity President's Luncheon, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 7.

12:15 p.m. Women's Studies Forum, sponsored by Women's Studies Department. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

9 p.m. Academic Affairs Board Meeting, sponsored by SA Academic Affairs Board. Angell

College Center Meeting Room 1.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 11

8 a.m. Hall Council Training, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center.

6 p.m. A Remembrance of September 11th Performance, sponsored by JEDI Club. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom A.

10 p.m. Throw Back Party, sponsored by NAACP. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 12

5 p.m. Alive at Five, sponsored by Protestant Campus Ministry. Angell College Center Meeting Room 4.

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 14

12:30 p.m. Learning to Learn Workshop Series, presents Making the Grade. Sponsored by the Claude J. Clark Learning Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

4:30 p.m. Monthly Faculty Senate Meeting, sponsored by Faculty Senate. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

7 p.m. Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 16

12:15 p.m. Women's Studies Forum, sponsored by Women's Studies Department. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

9 p.m. Academic Affairs Board Meeting, spon-



sored by SA Academic Affairs Board. Angell Center Meeting Room 1.

#### **FRIDAY, SEPT. 17**

8 p.m. Theatre Sports Improv, Annual Family Weekend Improv Performance with faculty Ken Roberts directing. Tickets available at the College Center Desk or at the door. Adult Content. Plattsburgh Students \$2, General \$3. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

#### **SATURDAY, SEPT. 18**

8 p.m. Theatre Sports Improv, Annual Family Weekend Improv Performance with faculty Ken Roberts directing. Tickets available at the College Center Desk or at the door. Adult Content. Plattsburgh Students \$2, General \$3. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

#### **SUNDAY, SEPT. 19**

5 p.m. Alive at Five, sponsored by Protestant Campus Ministry. Angell

College Center Meeting Room 4.

#### **MONDAY, SEPT. 20**

3 p.m. Greek Leadership Series Workshop, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

7:30 p.m. Visual Artist Series, sponsored by Campus Arts Council. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

#### **TUESDAY, SEPT. 21**

12 p.m. New Member Workshops, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

12:30 p.m. Learning to Learn Workshop Series, presents Research, Writing and Citing. Sponsored by the Claude J. Clark Learning Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

4:30 p.m. Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

4:30 p.m. Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meetings, sponsored by Faculty Senate. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

7:00 p.m. Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

### **Van Safety Education Program Classes in September and October**

The van safety classes will be held in the Service Building or the Student Health Center Conference Room.

NOTE: The September and October dates/times for the "Hands-On Van Training" driving classes are at the Angell College Center Help Desk in a folder. Request the folder to sign-up for the 1.5 hr. class or call #2121 to find out the schedule. Meet at the Central Heating Plant after you sign up.

Employees interested in attending any of the three-hour classroom instruction should contact Gina Doty at 564-5011. All van drivers on campus must complete the two-part Van Safety Training course prior to using a 15-passenger style van.

In addition to the Van Safety Program, all participants need to have authorization under the Driver's Safety Review and Authorization Policy, which includes the License Event Notification System (LENS). Applications are available from their department chairs or University Police at 564-2022.

#### *September and October*

##### *Van Safety Classroom dates/times:*

Sept. 1 (Wed): 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (Health Center)  
Sept. 14 (Tues): 1 p.m.-4 p.m. (M&O/Service Bldg.)  
Sept. 29 (Wed): 9 a.m.-noon (M&O/Service Bldg.)

Oct. 6 (Wed): 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (Health Center)  
Oct. 19 (Tues): 1 p.m.-4 p.m. (M&O/Service Bldg.)  
Oct. 28 (Thurs): 9 a.m.-noon (M&O/Service Bldg.)

### **UUP Family Picnic Sept. 12**

The United University Professions Family Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 12 at the Valcour Educational Conference Center Boathouse from 3 to 7 p.m.

Please be advised that there is no swimming, boating or kayaking at the facility due to insurance coverage. Pets are not allowed at the Valcour property except for disability assistance.

For more information, contact the UUP office at 564-7887 or Patty Bentley at 564-5202.



**President John Ettling was the guest of honor at a welcome reception hosted by Rose Anderson '95, director of Alumni Affairs (left) and the Plattsburgh Alumni Association at the Naked Turtle (Plattsburgh Boat Basin) on Wednesday, Aug. 18. Alumni, faculty, staff and members of the Plattsburgh community were invited to stop by to meet and greet Plattsburgh State's new president. Ettling began his tenure in June and more special events are being planned throughout the semester to welcome him as the new president.**



# Counselor Ed Programs Receive Accreditation

The Department of Counselor Education has announced that its Student Affairs Professional Practice (M.S.) program has received accreditation and its Community Counseling (M.S.) and School Counseling (M.S. Ed/ C.A.S.) programs have been reaccredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

The Community Counseling and School Counseling programs are accredited for the next eight years while the Student Affairs program has received accreditation for the next two years. The Department of Counselor Education first received accreditation in 1990 and was reaccredited in 1997.

Dr. Beverly Burnell, department head and associate professor of counselor education, said all three programs were revised following a two-year self-study to bring the programs into conformity with the 2001 CACREP accreditation standards.

The Student Affairs Practice in Higher Education - Counseling Emphasis program was also altered as a result of changes CACREP made in its programs standards. CACREP divided its Student Affairs program standards into two distinct programs. SUNY Plattsburgh changed its former program to reflect the CACREP

Student Affairs Professional Practice Program.

Burnell said she was very optimistic about the opportunities that the accreditation will provide for current students in the counselor education programs.

"Our students can be assured that the level of preparation they receive here is consistent with the national level," Burnell said. "Unlike those of unaccredited schools who must wait two years after graduation, our students can take the National Counselor Exam to become National Certified Counselors during their final semester."

Burnell said she was also confident that alumni of the program would also gain from this accreditation.

"Our alumni can feel proud to be associated with a program of such high standards. When they serve as field supervisors for our internship program, it will be reassuring to know that they will be working with well-prepared, qualified students."

Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs, congratulated Dr. Burnell and the faculty and staff in the department who worked on the self-study effort.

"I am very proud of the hard work and dedication of the faculty and staff of the counselor education department. This reaccreditation represents the high level of education that is present at Plattsburgh State," Golden said.

## Hollinshead Appointed to the College Council

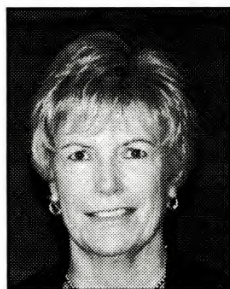
M. Catherine Hollinshead of Chateaugay, N.Y., has been appointed by Governor George Pataki to the College Council at Plattsburgh State.

Hollinshead will complete the term appointment of William E. Brooks, formerly of Plattsburgh, who resigned his position last year. She will serve on the College Council through June 30, 2010.

Hollinshead is an elementary school teacher in the Chateaugay Central School District where she has taught fourth, fifth and sixth graders. As she begins her 34th year as a teacher, Hollinshead said she was thrilled with her appointment to the council.

"It is an honor and a privilege to become a member of such a hard-working devoted team," said Hollinshead. "SUNY Plattsburgh has an excellent reputation which I hope to see continue and thrive during my tenure. I am proud to be a part of such an outstanding institution."

Acting Council Chairperson Arnold Amell, a 1953 graduate of



**Hollinshead**

SUNY Plattsburgh, said he was very pleased with Hollinshead's appointment to the College Council at Plattsburgh.

"SUNY Plattsburgh has educated and prepared many of the fine teachers currently working in the local school districts in Northern New York," said

Amell. "I believe Cathy's first-hand knowledge and experience will provide the council specific insight into what is actually happening in the classroom and what Plattsburgh can do to improve teachers' skills."

"Cathy's involvement in many community organizations, like so many of her council peers, provides an experiential background from which she can draw to provide additional insight into her work as a member of the College Council."

Hollinshead holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Daemen College and New York State Permanent Teacher Certification.

Prior to joining Chateaugay Central School in 1970, she taught in the Lockport Central School District

for one year.

A member of the school board at Holy Family School in Malone, Hollinshead is also involved with the Franklin County Historical Society, and Chateaugay Revitalization Committee. She has previously served on the Alice Hyde Hospital Foundation Board (Malone, N.Y.) and the Community Advisory Board for the Chateaugay Correctional Facility (NYS DOCS).

Hollinshead is married to John Hollinshead, a 1970 alumnus of SUNY Plattsburgh. John was a member of the varsity men's basketball team at the College for four years and later served as an assistant basketball coach at Plattsburgh under Head Coach Norm Law. He also teaches at Chateaugay Central School.

Their daughter, Erin, teaches fourth grade in Malone Central School, and her son, Andrew, is a project manager for General Electric Power Systems in Houston, Texas.

There remains one vacancy on the College Council with the resignation of Robert Garrow, who stepped down earlier this year after serving as council chair for nearly 18 years.



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## Diversity Continues to Enhance Enrollment at Plattsburgh State

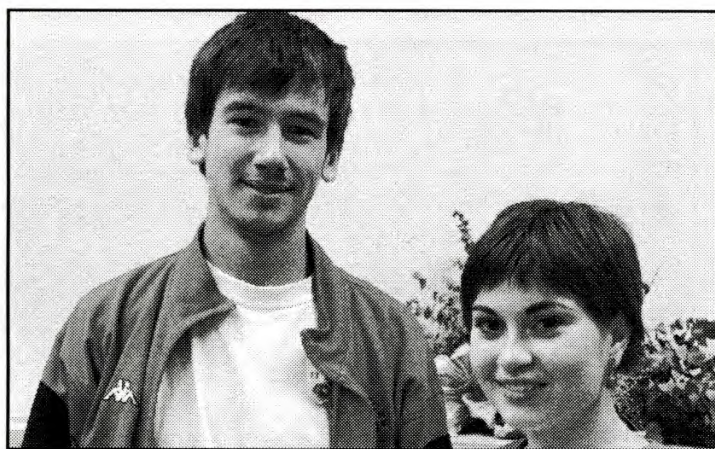
Matej Kollar grew up in Slovakia, but spent his junior year in Plattsburgh as an exchange student at Beekmantown High School. When it came time to choose a college, he selected SUNY Plattsburgh, where this year he was accepted as a freshman studying international business.

"Now I feel like I've come home," said Kollar. "When I sent an email to the College, they replied. The relationship I have with the College is very good."

A preliminary enrollment report at Plattsburgh State shows that nearly 12 percent of new students are from outside of New York State.

"We have a truly exceptional class of freshmen, transfer and graduate students this year at Plattsburgh State," said Richard Higgins, director of admissions and associate vice president of enrollment management. "It's a diverse class with a strong academic background."

The out-of-state students who are now calling Plattsburgh their home are from 13 states, including Vermont, New Jersey, Connecticut and Maryland, and 22 countries, including Japan, Kenya and India. A little over 14 percent of the new freshmen who are from the United States claim ethnic diverse backgrounds.



International students Matej Kollar and Ioana Staicut.

Ioana Staicut, a freshman computer science major from Romania, said she became familiar with Plattsburgh State after her sister applied for admission five years ago.

"My sister didn't come to Plattsburgh, but that's

(See New Students, Page 2)

## Documentary on Kent Premieres Sept. 18

A biographical documentary film titled, *Rockwell Kent*, will premiere at SUNY Plattsburgh. The film, created by Frederick Lewis, will be shown on Saturday, Sept. 18 in Yokum Hall, Room 200.

The Plattsburgh State Art Museum, which has the largest collection of art by Rockwell Kent in the United States, is pleased to host the premiere of *Rockwell Kent*.

Part I of the film will be shown at 1 p.m., followed by a panel discussion led by four preeminent Kent scholars who will conduct a question and answer session as well as a commentary on the first part of the

film. Light refreshments will be served. Part II will then be shown at 4 p.m., followed by another question and answer period. A reception will follow in the Rockwell Kent Gallery in the Feinberg Library.

Tickets are available at the Plattsburgh Art Museum in the Myers Fine Arts Building, Angell College Center Information Desk and the Rockwell Kent Gallery. The cost is: \$8 for the general public; \$5 for docents, faculty and staff; and \$1 for students.

Kent was one of the North Country's most colorful figures: an artist of international stature, an

adventurer, author of half a dozen books, political activist, the list goes on and on. Filmmaker Lewis spent more than 10 years and thousands of dollars of his own money to an almost obsessive labor of love. As a result, hours of tape have been trimmed to three hours in the most intense story of a fascinating life.

Edward Brohel, director of the Plattsburgh Art Museum, said, "It is incredible to watch, in the adventures of Rockwell Kent's life, American history move through the

(See Kent, Page 4)



## Cardinal Points Named All-American Newspaper

*Cardinal Points*, the student newspaper at Plattsburgh State, has been named an All-American newspaper for the Spring 2004 semester by the Associated Collegiate Press.

This All-American ranking marks the sixth for *Cardinal Points*, as well as the second consecutive under the leadership of Katie Holscher, editor in chief. The award honored the College newspaper with marks of distinction in coverage and content; photography, art and graphics; layout and design; and leadership.

Holscher said she was proud of the newspaper's achievement. "Being named an All-American newspaper is truly a big honor. The staff has done an amazing job at raising the level of our newspaper. It is their continuous work and the love they have for what they do that allows the newspaper to be successful," said Holscher.

Shawn Murphy, faculty advisor to *Cardinal Points* and associate professor of journalism, also had high

praise for the students involved in the newspaper.

"I am very proud of the entire collective effort that has made this paper a success. The staff is extremely dedicated and they all share in this award," said Murphy.

Student-editors for the Spring 2004 semester were: Holscher, editor in chief; Anthony Malakian, managing editor; April Amadon, news editor; Oksana Poltavets, associate news editor; Eric Heredia and Neale Gulley, life editors; Sarah Brooks, associate life editor; Derek Constable, sports editor; Rueben Ortiz-Diaz, associate sports editor; Matthew Igler, opinions editor; Erica Miller, photography editor; Michael Betts, graphics designer; Ebony Edwards, advertising/business manager.

The All-American is a national award for excellence in student publications. Colleges and universities of all sizes compete for the All-American award. This honor is bestowed on only about 20 percent of college newspapers nationwide. -- Kimone Joseph, PR intern



## Fitness Center Celebrates 10 Years

The Fitness Center celebrated its 10th anniversary with a ceremony on Monday, Aug. 30. Dr. John Ettling (far left), president of the College, did the ribbon-cutting honors at the ceremony. Also present were (from l-r): Michael Miranda, Matt Salvatore (Fitness Center Director), Dr. Frederick (Fritz) Kissner, Dr. Mary Roden-Tice, Scott Johnson, Tracy Corey (Aerobics Director), Henry Goldenberg, Sherri Kowalowski and Peter Luguri. Miranda, Kissner, Roden-Tice, Johnson, Goldenberg and Kowalowski have been members of the center since it opened 10 years ago. Three other faculty and staff members have also been fitness center members since the beginning -- Chris Waterbury, John Bradley and Kathy Weaver. Each semester, more than 100 faculty members and 3,000 students sign up as members to the Fitness Center. That represents almost 60 percent of all students.

## New Students (Continued from Page 1)

when I first heard about it," said Staicut. "When I started applying, I did a lot of research on the Internet and received (college) catalogs."

Diversity isn't the only strength of the Class of 2008. More than 10 percent of the freshmen are merit award winners, including two class valedictorians and six class salutatorians.

Some 300 freshmen have received external credits from other colleges and universities through high school honor programs.

Kimberly Garrison, a freshman elementary and special education major from Canajoharie, N.Y., said she is excited to be here.

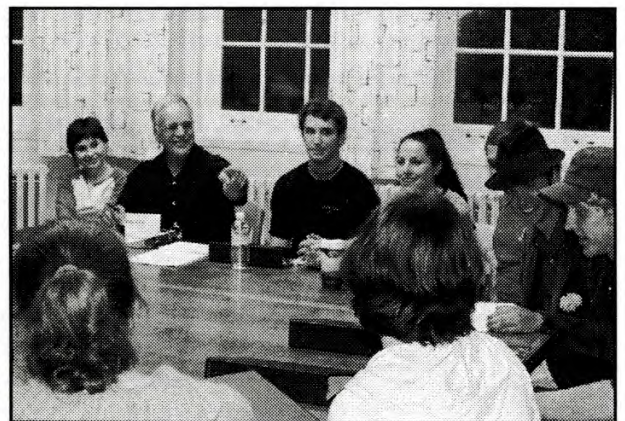
"From the minute I walked on campus, I knew this was the place for me," said Garrison. "I talked to faculty and students during my first

visit, they were just so nice. I made an immediate connection with the College."

The top majors for the nearly 900 freshmen at Plattsburgh State include elementary education, business, nursing, communication and psychology.

The preliminary enrollment report also shows academic health among the more than 550 transfer students, nearly 40 of whom have received merit awards with a 3.5 or better grade point average. The transfer cohort shows a mean grade point average of 2.9.

More than 160 new graduate students have enrolled this semester



**A Freshmen Honors Seminar class meets with Dr. David Mowry, director of the Honors Center.**

at Plattsburgh State. The top program, with 101 new graduate students, is education. Other popular programs include school counselor, liberal studies, speech-language and school psychology.



## Visiting Professors and Students from Algeria

Three visiting professors and two students from Algeria are visiting SUNY Plattsburgh for the next month as part of a project to establish a partnership in higher education with the Institut National de Commerce (INC) in Algeria.

Dr. Mohamed Djerdouri, professor in the School of Business and Economics and coordinator of the partnership, said he expects this will be a long lasting project, which is supported by a two-year grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development/U.S. Department of State.

"The grant is the seed money for this partnership, which I hope will be a long lasting program including faculty and student exchanges and research projects," said Djerdouri.

Last spring, Djerdouri traveled to Algeria to visit INC. While there, he met with Dr. Abdessalam Saadi, the INC director general and the partnership project co-director, who expressed his appreciation that the INC has been selected to be the partner institution.

In May, Saadi came to visit SUNY Plattsburgh to meet with Djerdouri and other SBE faculty members.

"We are happy because this is our first North American partnership," said Saadi in May. "There are many ideas to create an environment to get people together. This

will be a long lasting partnership."

In August, professors Majid Mesbah, Jamila Makhoulfi and Hafid Idir and students Imene Drir and Nassim Benkaidali traveled to Plattsburgh from Algeria. While here, the professors are meeting with Plattsburgh State faculty members, attending lectures and presenting lectures. They are also laying the groundwork for future research projects between the two universities.

"We are here to share experiences," said Makhoulfi, who is a professor of communication and languages. "We are reforming our education system (in Algeria) and want to improve our curricula. We are getting ideas from here on how to do that. It has been a fruitful experience."

Mesbah, a professor of economy and management, said, "It is important to visit; to open up to see how the other functions. It's fantastic."

Idir, a professor of computer science, agreed and said, "We are here to improve our knowledge and to learn new methods of teaching."

The students are sitting in on a variety of business classes and will



**L-r: Hafid Idir, Jamila Makhoulfi, Mohamed Djerdouri, Imene Drir, Majid Mesbah and Nassim Benkaidali.**

be taking an English as a Second Language (ESL) course.

"I am interested to see how students work and study here," said Drir. "We've been very busy."

Benkaidali said that he is interested in learning about the American higher education system.

"I want to learn about the education system that makes students from all over the world come to the United States to study," said Benkaidali.

SBE faculty members Dr. Nancy Church, Dr. Ray Guydosh, Dr. Mohamed Gaber, Dr. Kevin O'Neill and Djerdouri will be accompanying the visiting professors and students to Algeria when they leave at the end of the month. The group from Plattsburgh will visit INC for nine days, giving seminars and getting to know our partner institution.

## Perley Re-Appointed to College Council

Suzanne Perley of Essex, N.Y. has been re-appointed by Gov. George Pataki to the College Council at Plattsburgh State.

Perley, a small business consultant, was first appointed to the Council in August of 2000 to fill an unexpired term. Her re-appointment is for seven years and will last through June 30, 2011.

During her nearly four-year tenure on the Council, Perley has had an exceptional record of attendance at Council meetings. She serves at the Council's liaison to the Division of Student Affairs and was a member of the Council's Presidential Selection Committee that led to the appointment of John Ettling.

Acting Council Chairperson Arnold Amell, said he was



**Perley**

very pleased that Gov. Pataki has re-appointed Perley to the College Council at Plattsburgh.

"Ms. Perley has been a very conscientious member of the Council, has provided significant and meaningful input at Council meetings and in her committee work, and she is a positive, pro-active participant," said Amell. "Suzanne is a bright and very active member of her community and is highly respected by her fellow Council members."

Perley is a councilperson and deputy supervisor of the Essex Town Board. She serves as a director of the Willsboro Development Corporation and the Paine Memorial Free Library and as treasurer for the Willsboro Development Corporation and the Town of Essex Fire District, No. 1. She also serves as a corporation member of CVPH Medical Center.

She holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of New Hampshire, Durham. Perley and her husband, John, live in Essex.



## Rev. Scott Fobare Starts New Assignment at the Newman Center

The John XXIII Newman Center has a new Catholic pastor. Rev. Scott Fobare started his new post on June 30. He comes to Plattsburgh from Old Forge, N.Y. where he served three different churches -- in Old Forge, Inlet and Raquette Lake.

"I was there for two years," said Father Scott, as he likes to be called. "The plan was I would be there for a short time. The Bishop desired for me to be in a bigger place."

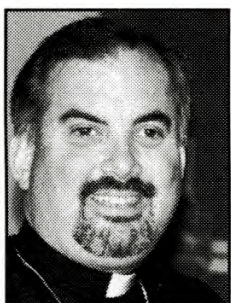
He's not a stranger to Plattsburgh however. From 1988 to 1991, he was an assistant pastor at St. Peters.

"In essence, I've returned home again. I'm very familiar with Plattsburgh and Clinton County," said Father Scott. "I'm very much delighted to be back and now working with college students. So I'm learning. My first year will be a trial and error period."

Father Scott, originally from Lawrenceville, N.Y., outside of Malone, N.Y., started his higher education with a two-year degree in social work from Mater Dei College in Ogdensburg, N.Y. He then decided to go to seminary at Wadhams Hall College in Ogdensburg. He did his graduate work at St. John's Seminary in Boston, Mass. He has been a Catholic priest for 17 years. He was ordained on May 23, 1987.

"I'm looking forward to connecting with students on a spiritual level, aside from the sacramental inputs and services," he said.

Father Scott has announced a new program, Fireside



Father Scott

Chats with Father Scott. The students will pick a topic and sit, share and discuss.

"This will be an opportunity for me and students to sit by the fireplace in the Newman Center and chat," he said. "We can talk about current issues, spiritual issues."

The Newman Association, which is an Interfaith student organization, meets on Fridays at the Newman Center. The association regularly promotes, sponsors and participates in activities and events within the College and local community. On Friday nights, the group has dinner and plans activities for the academic year.

The Newman Center and the Newman Association also sponsor an Alternative Spring Break Program. In past years, students have gone to Wheeling, W. Va., to serve in a soup kitchen, school and parish. Last year, the group started a new venture to Lawrence, Mass., where they worked in Thrift Shops, a soup kitchen and a shelter for the homeless.

The Newman Center has four weekend Masses: Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m., 4 and 9 p.m. The Newman Center isn't just for students. About 150 families come and worship along side the students. Some are linked to the College in some way -- staff, retired personnel, etc.

"They like the community aspect that the Newman Center provides," said Father Scott, who added that students like to have community members come to the Newman Center as well. "It seems to be a trend -- college students like mixture within the congregation at large."

For more information on the various programs at the Newman Center, contact Father Scott at 561-7545.

### Kent (Continued from Page 1)

first half of the 20th century - wars, revolutions, fashion and art."

Lewis not only researched and cataloged hundreds of documents, photographs and letters, but he also traced Kent's footsteps across the world. He followed Kent in his many travels including Greenland, Denmark, Alaska, Russia and Tierra del Fuego, the tip of South America, where in the latter case he hired a sailboat in order to charter the same routes that Kent had taken.

Never having done any sailing before, Lewis was unaware that the waters he had chosen are some of the most dangerous in the world. Lewis returned with some of the most amazing footage in the film.

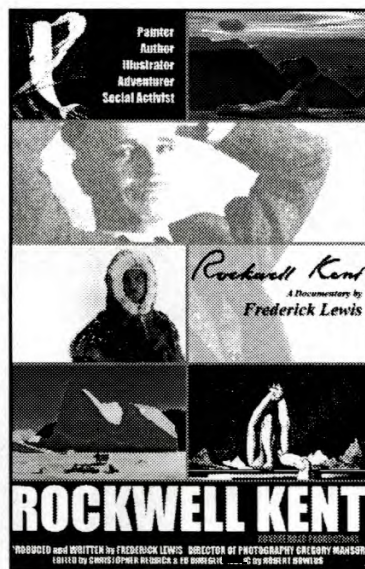
Marguerite Eisinger, docent coordinator at Plattsburgh State and editor of the Kent Collector, said, "This total dedication to detail makes the film a documentary of prime quality. It also shows the

human story of Kent in the most intricate detail enriched with interviews of people who knew him and who are now dead."

Eisinger said that for those who feel they already know about Kent, in depth research has uncovered many previously unknown factors; for those who know nothing about Kent, it will be a revelation that a person could accomplish so much in one lifetime.

"Wherever you stand on Kent, you will never cease to be surprised by the many factors of his personality and lifespan that Lewis has explored," said Eisinger.

Cecelia Esposito, visual



resources coordinator in the Art Department and researcher for the art museum, was instrumental in providing the filmmaker with more than 100 scanned images of photographs from those bequeathed to the museum following Sally Kent Gorton's death in 2000.

"The needs of this project indicated the importance of the new materials of the Kent Gorton collection," said Esposito. "It really

is a wonderful resource for scholars and interested individuals researching the life of Rockwell Kent."

For more information on the premiere, contact Edward Brohel at 564-2474.



## Dunham Receives Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Faculty Award

Dr. Katherine Dunham, associate professor of psychology, received the Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Faculty Award during Convocation on August 21.

"I am truly touched by this award," said Dunham. "To be recognized by freshmen who are performing at such a high level to be members of Phi Eta Sigma is a very special honor."

Dunham joined the faculty at Plattsburgh State in 1998. She received her Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Windsor in Ontario, Canada in 1997.

She teaches experimental design, general psychology and the psychology fieldwork and internship course at the undergraduate level and psychometrics for our graduate school psychology program.



Dunham

"I constantly tinker with my teaching methods and content to try to accommodate students' interests and learning styles," Dunham said.

She added that she enjoys teaching at Plattsburgh State. "My career goal was to obtain an academic position at a relatively small institution that valued teaching as much as research in its faculty, because I value both equally. Plattsburgh State fits that bill perfectly."

The Phi Eta Sigma Distinguished Faculty Award has been presented annually since 1988 to a faculty member selected by the members of the freshmen honor society.

"It's a neat award," said Robert Harsh, EOP counselor and Phi Eta Sigma advisor. "It's the only award given by students, so you really feel that your work as a faculty member is being recognized."

Freshmen students with a G.P.A. of 3.5 in one of the first two semester are eligible for induction into the national honor society.

## Spotlight on faculty and staff

Dr. Richard Davies, associate professor of music, gave a presentation on Afro-Cuban singing at the International Association for Jazz Education National Conference in New York City. He also lectured on Cuban music at the University of Alabama-Huntsville as part of the Distinguished Lecturer Series. He performed at a Salsa Festival in Budapest, Hungary in June and in Tokyo, Japan in August. In July, he was an artist-in-residence for a week-long summer Latin Jazz Camp at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts in Burlington, Vt.

Dr. Mohamed Djerdjouri, professor in the School of Business and Economics, and Professors Mesbah, Makhloufi and Idir from the Institut National de Commerce (Algeria) made a presentation titled: "Strengthening Administrative, Teaching

and Scholarship Capacity in Higher Education in Business and Management in Algeria: A Partnership between the School of Business and Economics at PSU and the Institut National de Commerce in Algiers," at the Association Liaison Office for University Cooperation in Development Conference, held in Washington D.C. in August.

Peter Luguri, assistant vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, was elected president of the Plattsburgh City School District Board of Education at its July 1st reorganizational meeting. Luguri is in his second elected term on the board and served previously as president from 2000-2002.

Dr. Timothy Mihuc, associate professor of earth and environmental science and coordinator of the Lake Champlain Research Institute, attended the XXIX (29th) Societas Internationalis Limnologiae (SIL) Congress in Lahti, Finland in August. He co-presented two papers

from research projects conducted by the Lake Champlain Research Institute and Center for Earth and Environmental Science at the congress. The first project is the MERHAB (Monitoring and Environmental Recovery of Hazardous Algal Blooms) study on Lake Champlain Algal toxins. The second is the National Science Foundation Adirondack Watershed study. Both papers have been submitted for publication in the congress proceedings and involve several undergraduates as authors. The papers titles are: "2002 Phytoplankton Community Composition and Cyanobacterial Toxins in Lake Champlain, U.S.A." and "Composition of Benthic Macroinvertebrate Assemblages in Managed and Preserve Adirondack (New York, USA) Headwater Catchments."

Dr. Susana Yu, assistant professor of economics and finance, co-authored the paper, "Long-Short Strategies May Not be Factor Neutral," which was recently published in the *Journal of Investing*.



Davies



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# FOCUS Calendar

Friday, Sept. 3 - Friday, Sept. 24

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 3

2 p.m. IFC Goal Setting, sponsored by Interfraternity Council. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

3 p.m. PHC Goal Setting, sponsored by Panhellenic Council. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

4 p.m. ODK Membership Meetings, sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 7

12 p.m. New Member Workshops, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

12 p.m. Sorority President's Luncheon, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

12:30 p.m. Learning to Learn Workshop Series, presents Strategies for Success. Sponsored by the Claude J. Clark Learning Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

4 p.m. Greek Awards Reception, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8

12 p.m. Committee on Greek Affairs, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

4:30 p.m. ODK New

Faculty Reception, sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

11 a.m. CVPB Blood Drive, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

12 p.m. Fraternity President's Luncheon, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 7.

9 p.m. Academic Affairs Board Meeting, sponsored by SA Academic Affairs Board. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 11

8 a.m. Hall Council Training, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center.

1 p.m. A Sept. 11 Memorial Ceremony at the Hawkins Pond. Everyone is invited.

6 p.m. A Remembrance of September 11th Performance, sponsored by JEDI Club. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom A.

10 p.m. Throw Back Party, sponsored by NAACP. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 12

5 p.m. Alive at Five, sponsored by Protestant Campus Ministry. Angell College Center Meeting

Room 4.

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 14

12:30 p.m. Learning to Learn Workshop Series, presents Making the Grade. Sponsored by the Claude J. Clark Learning Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

4:30 p.m. Monthly Faculty Senate Meeting, sponsored by Faculty Senate. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

7 p.m. Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 16

9 p.m. Academic Affairs Board Meeting, sponsored by SA Academic Affairs Board. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 17 FAMILY WEEKEND

3 - 8 p.m. Family Weekend registration. Angell College Center Lobby.

4 p.m. Women's Volleyball -- Cardinal Classic Tournament. Memorial Hall.

4 p.m. Women's Soccer game vs. Geneseo. New soccer field, Field House.

6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. In Search of Intelligence planetarium shows. North country Planetarium, Hudson Hall. Family Weekend event.

8 p.m. An Evening of Jazz and Gospel Music. Angell College Center Flynt Commons. Family Weekend event.

8 p.m. Theatre Sports Improv, Annual Family Weekend Improv

Performance with faculty Ken Roberts directing. Tickets available at the College Center Desk or at the door. Adult Content. Plattsburgh Students \$2, General \$3. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 18

8 - 11 a.m. Family Weekend registration. Angell College Center Lobby.

8 - 9:30 a.m. Early Bird Coffee and Danish. Angell College Center Flynt Commons. Family Weekend event.

9 - 10:30 a.m. Morning Fitness Madness. Fitness Center, Memorial Hall. Family Weekend event.

9:30 a.m. 3-Mile Fun Run and Walk. Student Health Center Parking Lot. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Family Weekend event.

9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Intro to Sea Kayaking. Dr. Larry Soroka and staff will guide you through the experience of kayaking, step by step. Valcour Kayaking Center. Family Weekend event.

1 p.m. Premiere of the film, "Rockwell Kent." Includes question and answer sessions and panel discussion. Yokum 200.

1 p.m. Women's Soccer game vs. SUNY Brockport. New soccer field, Field House.

3 - 4:30 p.m. Ice Skating with Burghy. Stafford Ice Arena, Field House. Family Weekend event.

6 p.m. Casual Lakeside Dining. Valcour Educational Conference Center, Boathouse and Main House. Family Weekend event.

8 p.m. Theatre Sports Improv, Annual Family





Weekend Improv Performance with faculty Ken Roberts directing. Tickets available at the College Center Desk or at the door. Adult Content. Plattsburgh Students \$2, General \$3. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts. 8:30 p.m. Comedy, Cake and Coffee. Comedian Buzz Sutherland will serve up his own brand of clean wit and priceless observations. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms. Family Weekend event. 10 p.m. PSU Late Night presents BINGO. Stop in for a chance to win lots of great prizes. Point Snack Bar, Angell College Center. Family Weekend event.

#### **SUNDAY, SEPT. 19**

10 a.m. Presidents' Breakfast Buffet hosted by College President John Ettling and Student Association President Michael Harrington, with a special performance by the College's Cardinal Singers. Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center. Family Weekend event. 5 p.m. Alive at Five, sponsored by Protestant Campus Ministry. Angell

College Center Meeting Room 4.

#### **MONDAY, SEPT. 20**

10 a.m. Marine's Information Table, sponsored by Career Development Center. Angell College Center Lobby 2. 3 p.m. Greek Leadership Series Workshop, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge. 4:30 p.m. Portrait Unveiling Ceremony for the SUNY Distinguished Professor in honor of Dr. Nancy Church, Dr. Mark Cohen and Rick Mikkelsen. Feinberg Library. 7:30 p.m. Visual Artist Series, sponsored by Campus Arts Council. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

#### **TUESDAY, SEPT. 21**

12 p.m. New Member Workshops, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room. 12:30 p.m. Learning to Learn Workshop Series, presents Research, Writing and Citing. Sponsored by the Claude J. Clark Learning Center. Angell College Center

Cardinal Lounge. 4:30 p.m. Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

4:30 p.m. Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meetings, sponsored by Faculty Senate. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

7 p.m. Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

#### **THURSDAY, SEPT. 23**

7:30 p.m. "Radical Reels"

Film Presentation, sponsored by the Adirondack Experience Program. Tickets: free for SA Members, \$4 faculty, \$6 public, on sale at the Angell College Center Desk. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium. 9 p.m. Academic Affairs Board Meeting, sponsored by SA Academic Affairs Board. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

#### **FRIDAY, SEPT. 24**

4 p.m. ODK Membership Meetings, sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

### **Van Safety Education Program Classes in September and October**

The van safety classes will be held in the Service Building or the Student Health Center Conference Room.

NOTE: The September and October dates/times for the "Hands-On Van Training" driving classes are at the Angell College Center Help Desk in a folder. Request the folder to sign-up for the 1.5 hour class or call #2121 to find out the schedule. Meet at the Central Heating Plant after you sign up.

Employees interested in attending any of the three-hour classroom instruction should contact Gina Doty at 564-5011. All van drivers on campus must complete the two-part van safety training course prior to using a 15-passenger style van.

In addition to the Van Safety Program, all participants need to have authorization under the Driver's Safety Review and Authorization Policy, which includes the License Event Notification System (LENS). Applications are available from their department chairs or University Police at 564-2022.

#### *September and October*

##### *Van Safety Classroom dates/times:*

Sept. 14 (Tues): 1 p.m.-4 p.m. (M&O/Service Bldg.)  
Sept. 29 (Wed): 9 a.m.-noon (M&O/Service Bldg.)

Oct. 6 (Wed): 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (Health Center)  
Oct. 19 (Tues): 1 p.m.-4 p.m. (M&O/Service Bldg.)  
Oct. 28 (Thurs): 9 a.m.-noon (M&O/Service Bldg.)



## Family Weekend Set For Sept. 17 and 18

SUNY Plattsburgh will hold its annual Family Weekend Sept. 17 to 19. The weekend will provide an opportunity for students to invite their families to visit the College.

College President John Ettling is optimistic that this will be a very special weekend.

"We want this to be an enjoyable weekend with opportunities for families to spend time with our students," said Ettling. "We also hope that it will enable families to become more familiar with our College family."

According to Ettling, there will be a range of events that families may choose to attend.

"Family Weekend will be full of a variety of activities and events for families to enjoy with their sons or daughters. In addition to on-campus activities, opportunities for the exploration of our beautiful North Country neighborhood will also be available," Ettling said.

A registration table will be open in the Angell College Center Lobby from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17 and Saturday, Sept. 18 from 8 to 11 a.m. A detailed schedule of events will be available at the table as well as any reserved tickets ordered by students or their families.

The weekend kicks off with a women's volleyball game in Memorial Hall on Friday at 4 p.m. The team will host the Cardinal Classic Tournament and admission

is free. Also at 4 p.m. on Friday is the women's soccer game versus SUNY Geneseo at the new Field House Soccer Field. This is a great opportunity to cheer on the Lady Cards and to see the new soccer field, which was recently completed.

The NorthCounty Planetarium in Hudson Hall presents, "In Search of Intelligence" on Friday night with three shows -- 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Admission is free, however tickets are required and available at the registration table on a first-come basis.

"An Evening of Jazz and Gospel Music" begins at 8 p.m. on Friday in the Angell College Center Flynt Commons. This musical concert will feature the Plattsburgh State Jazz Combo and the PSU Praise and Worship team.

On Saturday morning from 8 to 9:30 a.m., families will be treated to the "Early Bird Coffee & Danish" in the Flynt Commons. At 9:30 a.m., a three-mile fun run and walk will get underway starting at the Student Health Center parking lot. Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the lobby of the Student Health Center.

From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., the "Adirondack Chew Chew Food Festival" will be held at Clinton Community College. This event will provide over 30 different foods from local restaurants as well as petting zoos and pony rides.

Saturday afternoon features a women's soccer game at the Field House at 1 p.m. as the Lady Cards battle SUNY Brockport. From 3 to 4:30 p.m., families can spend a little time ice skating with Cardinal mascot Burghy at the Ronald Stafford Ice Arena in the Field House.

On Saturday evening at 6 p.m., the Valcour Educational Conference Center will host "Casual Lakeside Dining." There, families may choose to dine either at the Main House (served dinner) or the Boat House (buffet dinner). Both dinners require advanced reservations.

At 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, comedian Buzz Sutherland will serve up his own brand of clean wit in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center. For those late-nighters, PSU Late Night presents Bingo in the Point Snack Bar in Angell College Center beginning at 10 p.m.

On Sunday, Sept. 18, President Ettling and the Student Association will host a buffet breakfast in the Angell College Center Ballrooms. There will be a special performance by the College's Cardinal Singers. Advanced reservation is required for this event.

An all-campus committee consisting of faculty, staff and students organized Family Weekend. For more information and a complete schedule of Family Weekend, contact the Campus Life Office at 564-3824.

-- Kimone Joseph, PR intern

## Dr. David Levy Visits Twin Valleys with an Eye on the Sky

Dr. David Levy, the science editor for *Parade Magazine* and an internationally known astronomer, visited SUNY Plattsburgh State in August and presented an astronomy workshop at the Twin Valleys Educational Center in Lewis, N.Y.

Levy is an alum of the summer science camp and said that it was his summer in the Adirondacks as a teenager that gave him the love and passion for his life's work -- astronomy. Levy has discovered 21 comets and has written more than 30 books. He was also awarded an Emmy for writing the television documentary, "Three Minutes to Impact."

SUNY Plattsburgh, together with College Auxiliary Services, Inc. and the Plattsburgh College Foundation have been working with Levy to develop a dark sky observatory at Twin Valleys. Funding for this project will come through grants and donations.



Dr. David Levy, Dr. Susan Spissinger and Dr. John Ettling.



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## New Fulbright Research Chair to Attract Experts in Canadian Studies

The State University of New York (SUNY) and the Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program have announced the establishment of a visiting chair in Canadian Studies, which will be based at the Center for the Study of Canada at SUNY Plattsburgh.

The new Fulbright Visiting Research Chair will strengthen collaborative networks between SUNY faculty and their Canadian counterparts, contributing to public discourse on Canada-U.S. relations.

The new partnership was announced at a signing ceremony held at the center and attended by Robert L. King, chancellor of the State University of New York, Jamie Kiernan, chair of the Canada-U.S. Fulbright Board of Directors, Dr. John Ettling, president of SUNY Plattsburgh, Michael Hawes, executive director of the Ottawa-based Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program, and Dr. Celine Paquette, SUNY trustee.

"This new initiative will contribute in important ways to addressing some of the complex issues facing our two nations," said Hawes.

In each year of the five-year agreement with the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada



**L-r: Christopher Kirkey, Michael Hawes, Jamie Kiernan, Robert King and John Ettling.**

and the United States, SUNY will welcome an outstanding Canadian scholar recommended by the Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program. The visiting chair holder will spend one or two terms at the Center for the Study of Canada

*(See Fulbright, Page 4)*

## NCATE Board of Examiner Team to Visit Sept. 25-29

As part of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) review process, the Educational Studies and Services (ESS) Departments are preparing for a visit by a six-member Board of Examiner Team (BOE) Sept. 25-29.

The BOE Team will review SUNY Plattsburgh's Institutional Report and evaluate evidence prepared by the ESS departments to demonstrate that the College meets NCATE standards.

"They will be examining how

we meet the six NCATE standards for accreditation by looking at our conceptual framework," said Dr. Kathleen Whittier, professor and chair of special education and co-chair of the ESS/NCATE Leadership Team.

"They want to see evidence that we are doing what we said we are," said Dr. David Kenoyer, professor and chair of the Mathematics Department and co-chair of the ESS/NCATE Leadership Team.

An important part of the BOE's

visit will be meeting with ESS faculty as well as faculty in arts and science.

Open faculty interviews are scheduled on Tuesday, Sept. 28 from 11-11:45 a.m. in Sibley, Room 416. Faculty members are encouraged to attend this meeting to talk with members of the BOE Team. If you are interested in participating, call Jill Myers, NCATE secretary, at 564-2150.

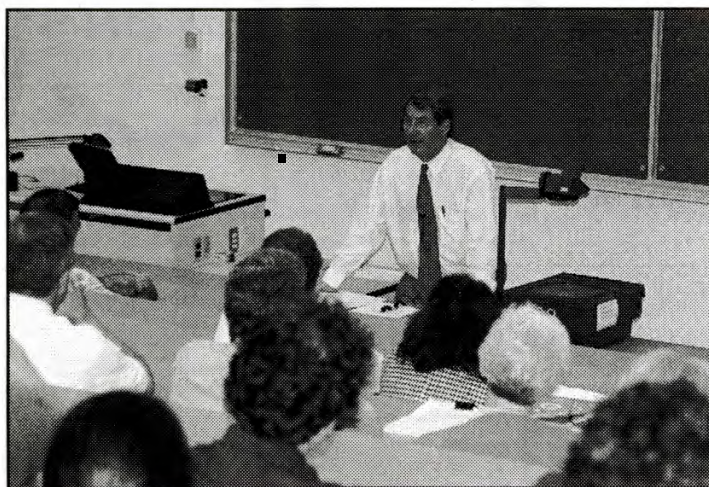
*(See NCATE, Page 2)*

# Welcome Plattsburgh State Families



## Campus Gets Update on Mission Review, Budget at Open Meeting

President John Ettling spoke to members of the campus community about the SUNY Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the mission review during a recent open meeting. Approximately 70 faculty, staff and students attended the meeting held in Yokum 202. Ettling said that the review document not only describes the direction the campus wants to go within the next five to ten years, but that it provides a good portrait of who we are now. "It's a nice solid platform to launch our ventures into the future," said Ettling. Also speaking at the meeting were Dr. Kathleen Lavoie, dean of arts and science and chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, and John Homburger, vice president of business affairs. Lavoie updated the strategic planning process and announced the results of the campus-wide vote of the vision statement and pledges (see opposite page). Homburger and Clark Foster, budgeting officer, presented an update on the budget.



### Visual Artist Gonaes Sept. 20

Ronald Gonaes will be the next presenter in the Visual Artist Series on Monday, Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center. Sponsored by the Students Association and the Campus Arts Council, the series is free and open to everyone.

Gonaes has created numerous individual pieces, group sculptures, indoor assemblages and outdoor environments over the past 15 years. He began making sculptures in his late teens and now teaches at SUNY Binghamton, where he received his bachelor's of arts.

"I've always been incredibly attracted to contrasts," said Gonaes. "Only by making a body physically through materials and the process of sculpture can I express sense of emotion and human presence needed to connect moments of coming into being with elements of decay and dissolution." -- Kimone Joseph, PR intern

### "Radical Reels" Presentation Sept. 23

The Adirondack Experience presents "Radical Reels," on Thursday, Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

"Radical Reels" provides an evening of exciting action films from the Banff Mountain Film Festival. For the past five years, the "Radical Reels" night in Banff has featured a special screening of the wildest high-adrenaline films entered in the Banff Mountain Film Festival. So many action films were being submitted to the film festival that they could not fit into the regular screenings, resulting in the creation of the hugely successful "Radical Reels" evening presentation, which is now a part of a tour crossing Canada and the United States and making a stop in Plattsburgh.

Tickets are free for SA Members, \$4 faculty, \$6 public, and on sale at the Angell College Center Desk.

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The team will also interview faculty, current teacher candidates, graduates, staff and administration of the education departments, campus administration and professionals in the field who have had experience with Plattsburgh State teacher candidates.

"Current and former candidates will be expected to communicate articulately about the programs, their experiences in the programs, and the knowledge, skills, and dispositions they acquired or cultivated," said Kenoyer. "The college community and constituent groups will be expected to articulate how programs meet NCATE standards and the standards of respective professional organizations."

The BOE team consists of colleagues from other academic insti-

tutions and a New York State Education Consultant.

"The NCATE visitation team members volunteer their time. They are professionals helping professionals," said Whittier. "They are from all over the country and come from higher education and public schools."

The visit will include a variety of scheduled meetings as well as many informal exchanges between various BOE members and selected members of the SUNY Plattsburgh community.

Following its visit to the campus, the BOE team will prepare a written report that assesses whether ESS has successfully met NCATE standards.

An NCATE committee at SUNY Plattsburgh will review this report

and will prepare a response to it. The BOE final report will then be presented to the NCATE board for an official action.

"We expect the final decision on NCATE accreditation will come in April or May 2005, following the NCATE board meeting," said Kenoyer.

Whittier and Kenoyer said that this has been a good process.

"Yes, it's been a very good process," said Whittier. "It's brought a lot more cooperation between departments on campus. Teacher education is really all about teamwork. We're definitely ready (for the visit) and are confident."

For more information about the SUNY Plattsburgh NCATE accreditation, go to <http://faculty.plattsburgh.edu/kathleen.whittier/ncate/>



# Campus Votes on Vision Statements and Pledges

The strategic planning process is moving forward this fall following a campus-wide vote on the proposed vision statement and a list of pledges put forth by the Strategic Planning Committee headed by Dr. Kathleen Lavoie, dean of arts and science.

The results (see below) show approval of the vision statements and pledges.

"I'm pleased that we can move to the next stages in the strategic planning process," said Lavoie.

The next step is the selection of strategic initiatives via another campus-wide vote this fall. Once the initiatives have been selected, there will be a call for action plans from departments on campus. This timing will coincide with the budget process.

The Strategic Planning Committee will meet shortly to review the votes on the vision statement as well as the pledges. They will also prepare for the vote on the strategic initiatives.

## Plattsburgh State Strategic Planning Committee Vision/Pledge Ballot Results

### Vision:

We will education and graduate students who will stand out in their chosen careers and communities. Move forward with the vision statement? **Yes: 119 No 49**

### Pledges:

1. You will be welcomed and supported by faculty, friends, staff and our community. Move forward with this pledge? **Yes: 152 No: 16**

2. You will be challenged to learn, think and excel through close international relations with an outstanding faculty and staff. Move forward with this pledge? **Yes: 158 No: 10**

3. You will experience a diversity of cultures and perspectives. Move forward with this pledge? **Yes: 159 No: 9**

4. You will discover and develop your personal potential. Move forward with this pledge? **Yes: 134 No: 24**

5. You will learn to stand out while here and for the rest of your life. Move forward with this pledge? **Yes: 104 No: 64**

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## Ettling Inauguration Planned for Spring Semester

John Ettling will officially be recognized as the 10th president of the SUNY Plattsburgh during an investiture ceremony at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2005.

The SUNY Board of Trustees appointed Ettling, a former vice president of academic affairs and provost at the University of North Dakota, president of SUNY Plattsburgh in February. He officially assumed the position of president June 15.

Dr. Celine Paquette, a SUNY trustee and member of the Inauguration Planning Committee, said the celebration would mark the beginning of a new era.

"We are delighted by the excitement this investiture will generate among our campus family, alumni, friends, and community members," said Paquette, a member of the Class of 1960. "This event will provide the opportunity for the College community to come together and celebrate SUNY Plattsburgh's heritage and future for its students. I cannot imagine any better way than to celebrate the potential for this College."

SUNY Plattsburgh has not cele-

brated the investiture of a new president since 1975 following the appointment of Dr. Joseph Burke as the seventh president.

To celebrate the beginning of a new chapter in the college's history, a number of events throughout the next eight months will be designated part of the inaugural festivities leading up to the investiture ceremony. The festivities will include a mix of major events already on the College's calendar and a number of other programs created specifically to highlight the themes of the inaugural celebration.

While the list of inaugural events has not been finalized, the committee is planning at least one activity each month leading up to the investiture.

From Family Weekend and Homecoming to celebrations of excellence among the faculty and student, the committee expects the next eight months will mark a time of terrific opportunity for the campus and community.

SUNY Chancellor Robert King will attend the investiture along with presidents of a number of SUNY campuses and independent

colleges. The investiture ceremony, which will follow the College's Spring Open House that morning, will be open to the campus community and general public. A number of other dignitaries will also be invited, and a reception following the ceremony is also planned.

While the membership of the Investiture Planning Committee is expected to expand during the next several months, the current committee members are: Paquette; Suzanne Perley, member of the College Council; William Laundry, interim vice president for student affairs and enrollment management; Keith Tyo, executive assistant to the president; Carolee Smith, director of development; Dr. David Mowry, distinguished teaching professor of philosophy and director of the Honors Center; Dr. Douglas Skopp, distinguished teaching professor of history; Rose Anderson, director of alumni affairs; and, Michael Cashman, SA vice president for academics.

A listing of official investiture-related events will be listed in an upcoming issue of FOCUS of Plattsburgh.



## Steve Smith New Campus Protestant Minister

Plattsburgh State has a new Campus Protestant Minister. Steve Smith began his new position on Aug. 1.

Smith graduated from North Country Community College in 1973 and went on to SUNY Binghamton where he majored in philosophy. He then went to seminary at Gordon Conwell on the north shore of Boston, Mass.

He was a United Methodist pastor for ten years. He was associate pastor in Plattsburgh for two years, then went to Wilmington, N.Y. for five years and was in Fortsville, N.Y. for three years.

Following these positions, Smith went back to school at Loyola in Boston where he received his master's in pastoral counseling. As part of his program, he interned at the Bereavement Center with the Hospice of the Chesapeake. Following graduation, Smith was hired as chaplain at the hospice and stayed for nearly five years.

From there, Smith moved to Florida and worked for the Hospice of the Sun Coast and later was the director of adult education at a Baptist church in St. Petersburg, Fla. He held a few positions outside of the ministry before coming to SUNY Plattsburgh.



Smith

"I like challenges and starting a new position is a challenge anyway, but the College has been without a campus minister for three semester. So I'm starting all over again," said Smith. "My objective is to be a caring presence on campus. I'm looking forward to connection with students, faculty and staff. Life is a quest, and in our quest to live a life that matters, we need connection, community and compassion -- that's my vision -- connected to people who are of like mind and build community around our quest."

Smith is offering a Sunday night meeting at 5 p.m. in the Angell College Center, Meeting Room 4. All are welcome.

"I'd love to talk with people who are musically gifted, experiencing God through music and media expressions," said Smith. "I also want to experience God in a relevant and authentic setting."

Smith has been hosting a table during the lunch hour on different days in the Angell College Center Lobby. He encourages students, faculty and staff to stop by and say, "hi." Individuals may also contact Smith through email at [smiths@plattsburgh.edu](mailto:smiths@plattsburgh.edu).

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### *Fulbright (Continued from Page 1)*

at SUNY Plattsburgh exploring questions surrounding the management of border issues, political relations and economic integration.

"The Fulbright program is widely regarded as the finest program of its type because of its high academic standards and the superb quality of the scholars who participate. President Ettling and Executive Director Hawes are to be commended for their successful efforts in advancing scholarship on the important relationship between Canada and the United States of America," said King.

Ettling said that this new partnership between SUNY and the Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program will be an important educational as well as cultural venture for both.

"I look forward to our continued efforts to the betterment, friendship and understanding of our two countries, which have shared a common border and a close relationship for so many years," said Ettling.

Paquette, who co-chairs the SUNY Board of Trustees'

Subcommittee on International Programs, said the partnership gives SUNY Plattsburgh and the Center for the Study of Canada a mark of distinction.

"This prestigious honor places SUNY Plattsburgh in the company of six other elite institutions across the United States. Dr. Christopher Kirkey (director of the Center) is to be commended for his hard work and complete devotion to enhancing the relationship between our two countries through the Center and its programs."

Long regarded as the world's premier academic exchange program, the Fulbright Program engages exceptional scholars from more than 150 countries worldwide in reciprocal educational exchanges. Among the fastest growing of the bilateral exchanges is the Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program.

With the support of Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs, the United States Department of State, and a host of private sector partners, the Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program has engaged more than



Chancellor King speaks at the signing ceremony.

600 scholars in high-level academic exchange since its inception in 1990.

The new Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Canadian Studies builds on SUNY's impressive participation in the Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program

The Center for the Study of Canada at SUNY Plattsburgh was established in 1975. It is dedicated to promoting and providing comprehensive scholarly professional development programs on Canada to academic, government and business constituents in the United States.



## Portrait Unveiling Ceremony Sept. 20

SUNY Plattsburgh will unveil the portraits of Dr. Mark Cohen, Dr. Nancy Church and Richard Mikkelson, who were named the College's latest SUNY Distinguished Professors, during a ceremony in the Benjamin F. Feinberg Library Monday, Sept. 20 at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Dr. Mark Cohen was promoted to the rank of SUNY Distinguished Professor by the State University of New York Board of Trustees. This academic rank is the highest honor that SUNY can bestow. Cohen is the first faculty member at SUNY Plattsburgh to achieve this rank. Cohen has been a member of the Plattsburgh State faculty since 1971.

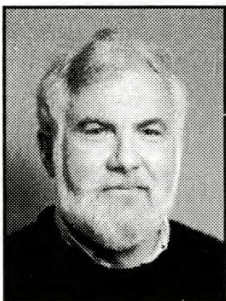
Dr. Nancy Church was promoted to the rank of SUNY Distinguished Service Professor of Marketing and Management. She joined the Plattsburgh State faculty in 1977 and was promoted to professor in 1996.

Richard Mikkelson was promoted to SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor of Art. Since arriving at Plattsburgh State in 1969, Mikkelson has built an exceptional record and reputation as a teacher-artist. He was promoted to associate professor in 1975 and professor in 1984.

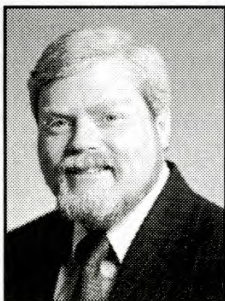


About 75 faculty emeriti recently gathered for a special reception at the Valcour Educational Conference Center Boathouse, which was sponsored by the Plattsburgh College Foundation, United University Professions and College Auxiliary Services. On hand to greet the emeriti were President John Ettling and Lisa Lewis (above). Others included College Foundation President Trent Trahan, College Council Interim Chair Arnold Amell, College Council Member Donald Garrant and UUP Campus President Patty Bentley.

## Spotlight on faculty and staff



Cohen

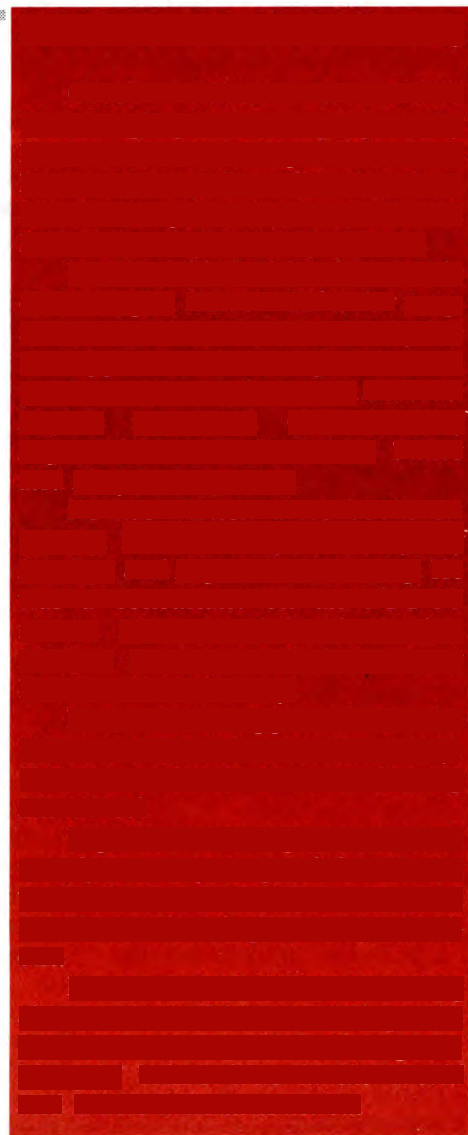


Schnell

Dr. Mark Cohen, distinguished professor of anthropology, has been appointed to the SUNY-wide Honorary Degree Committee for a three-year term. Each year, the State University confers a limited number of honorary doctorates to distinguished citizens nominated by the campuses. Awarding the degree is at the discretion of the University's Board of Trustees who approves each degree bestowed. The Honorary Degree Committee conducts in-depth reviews and rec-

ommends candidates to the Board of Trustees for its consideration. The committee consists of representatives from the Board of Trustees, SUNY faculty appointed to distinguished faculty rank and senior leadership at the System Administration. The committee meets once a year to review candidates.

Dr. Richard Schnell, professor of counselor education, presented at the New York State School Counselors Association Region V 2004 Conference in Saranac Lake, N.Y. last spring. Schnell presented on, "New York State Mental Health Counselor Licensure: Implications for Schools and School Counselors." In 2003, Schnell was appointed by the New York State Board of Regents to serve a three-year term on the New York State Board for Mental Health Practitioners, the licensing board for the mental health counseling profession. Schnell recently had a book of haiku poems published by the Mellen Poetry Press. *Adirondack Haiku: Kayaking through Fog* is available online and at the College Store. Also, one of his poems, "A Moonless Night," was recently accepted for publication in the Haiku Society of America 2004 Anthology.





# FOCUS Calendar

Friday, Sept. 17 - Tuesday, Oct. 5

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 17 FAMILY WEEKEND

**3 p.m.** Family Weekend 2004 Registration and Check-in, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Lobby.

**4 p.m.** Women's Volleyball -- Cardinal Classic Tournament. Memorial Hall.

**4 p.m.** Women's Soccer game vs. Geneseo. New soccer field, Field House.

**6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.** In Search of Intelligence planetarium shows. Northcountry Planetarium, Hudson Hall. Family Weekend event.

**8 p.m.** Theatre Sports Improv. The popular annual Family Weekend Improv Performance with faculty Ken Roberts directing. Tickets available at the College Center Desk or at the door. Adult Content. Plattsburgh Students \$2, General \$3. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

**8 p.m.** An Evening of Jazz and Gospel Music, featuring the Plattsburgh State Contemporary Jazz Combo, under the direction of Rick Davies and the PSU Gospel Choir's Praise and Worship Team, under the direction of Dr. Dexter Criss. Sponsored by the 2004 Family Weekend Committee. Angell College Center Flynt Commons.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 18

**8 a.m.** Family Weekend 2004 Registration and Check-in, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Lobby.

**8 - 9:30 a.m.** Early Bird Coffee and Danish. Angell College Center Flynt

Commons. Family Weekend event.

**9 - 10:30 a.m.** Morning Fitness Madness. Fitness Center, Memorial Hall. Family Weekend event.

**9:30 a.m.** 3-Mile Fun Run and Walk. Student Health Center Parking Lot. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Family Weekend event.

**9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** Intro to Sea Kayaking. Dr. Larry Soroka and staff will guide you through the experience of kayaking, step by step. Valcour Kayaking Center. Family Weekend event.

**1 p.m.** Premiere of the film, "Rockwell Kent." Includes question and answer sessions and panel discussion. Yokum 200.

**1 p.m.** Women's Soccer game vs. SUNY Brockport. New soccer field, Field House.

**3 - 4:30 p.m.** Ice Skating with Burghy. Stafford Ice Arena, Field House. Family Weekend event.

**6 p.m.** Casual Lakeside Dining. Valcour Educational Conference Center, Boathouse and Main House. Family Weekend event.

**8 p.m.** Theatre Sports Improv, Annual Family Weekend Improv Performance with faculty Ken Roberts directing. Tickets available at the College Center Desk or at the door. Adult Content. Plattsburgh Students \$2, General \$3. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

**8:30 p.m.** Comedian Buzz Sutherland, Sponsored by the Family Weekend Committee. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**10 p.m.** PSU Late Night Bingo, sponsored by

Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Point Snack Bar.

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 19

**5 p.m.** Alive at Five, sponsored by Protestant Campus Ministry. Angell College Center Meeting Room 4.

## MONDAY, SEPT. 20

**10 a.m.** U.S. Marine Corps Information Table, sponsored by Career Development Center. Angell College Center Lobby 2.

**10 a.m.** Rock-The-Vote/"Clearly You", sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

**3 p.m.** Career Development Center Fall Workshops, presents Developing a Job Portfolio. Sponsored by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**4:30 p.m.** Portrait Unveiling Ceremony for the SUNY Distinguished Professor in honor of Dr. Nancy Chuch, Dr. Mark Cohen and Rick Mikkelsen. Feinberg Library.

**7:30 p.m.** Visual Artist Series, sponsored by Campus Arts Council. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 21

**12 p.m.** Voter Registration/S.A. Soapbox, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Amite Plaza.

**12 p.m.** New Member Workshops, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

**12:30 p.m.** Learning to Learn Workshop Series, presents Research, Writing and Citing. Sponsored by the Claude J. Clark Learning Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**12:30 p.m.** Service Learning Workshop, sponsored by Center for Service Learning & Volunteerism. Angell College Center Meeting Room 3.

**2 p.m.** Career Development Center Fall Workshops, presents Applying to Graduate Schools. Sponsored by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**4:30 p.m.** Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**4:30 p.m.** Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meetings, sponsored by Faculty Senate. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

**7 p.m.** Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 23

**7 p.m.** Debate at Eight College/Republicans vs. Democrats, sponsored by Student Association. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**7:30 p.m.** "Radical Reels" Film Presentation, sponsored by the Adirondack Experience Program. Tickets: free for SA Members, \$4 faculty, \$6 public, on sale at the Angell College Center Desk. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.



**8 p.m.** Guest Speaker Leslie Feinberg, will be speaking on Transgender Issues. Sponsored by Campus Life, CAS, CDPI, CWC, Multicultural Programming, SOUL, and Women's Studies. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

**9 p.m.** Academic Affairs Board Meeting, sponsored by SA Academic Affairs Board. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

#### **FRIDAY, SEPT. 24**

**4 p.m.** ODK Membership Meetings, sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**9 p.m.** Whiteface Hall 80's Dance Party, open to the campus, sponsored by Whiteface Residence Hall and Campus Life. Ticket price to be announced. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

#### **SATURDAY, SEPT. 25**

**9 a.m.** S.A. Club Workshops, sponsored by SA Organization Affairs Board. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

#### **SUNDAY, SEPT. 26**

**5 p.m.** Alive at Five, sponsored by Protestant Campus Ministry. Angell College Center Meeting Room 4.

#### **MONDAY, SEPT. 27**

**4 p.m.** TEAM Orientation, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

#### **TUESDAY, SEPT. 28**

**12:15 p.m.** President's Council Meeting, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**7 p.m.** Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29**

**10 a.m.** Staples Office Products Show, sponsored by Purchasing Office. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**8 p.m.** NAACP Open Discussion, sponsored by NAACP. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

#### **THURSDAY, SEPT. 30**

**9 a.m.** Samuel de Champlain Biennial Symposium, sponsored by Canadian Studies, Center. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**10 a.m.** Career Development Center Fall Workshops, presents Organizing an Effective Job Search. Sponsored by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**6 p.m.** Disney College Program, sponsored by Career Development Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**7 p.m.** Presidential Debate Watch, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**8 p.m.** Hank Nuwer's Hazing Presentation, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**9 p.m.** Academic Affairs Board Meeting, sponsored by SA Academic Affairs Board. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

#### **FRIDAY, OCT. 1**

**9 a.m.** Samuel de Champlain Biennial Symposium, sponsored by Canadian Studies, Center. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**8 p.m.** College Theatre Association Performance, Tickets on sale at the door. Admission \$2. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

#### **SATURDAY, OCT. 2**

**8 a.m.** Communication Disorders & Sciences

Conference, sponsored by Communication Disorders & Sciences. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**8 p.m.** College Theatre Association Performance, sponsored by Theatre Department. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

**9 p.m.** Welcome Back Party, sponsored by El Pueblo. Admission to the event is \$3, tickets on sale at the Angell Center Desk, night of the event. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

#### **SUNDAY, OCT. 3**

**5 p.m.** Alive at Five, sponsored by Protestant

Campus Ministry. Angell College Center Meeting Room 4.

#### **MONDAY, OCT. 4**

**4:30 p.m.** Parent to Parent Education Discussion, sponsored by Education Department. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

#### **TUESDAY, OCT. 5**

**12 p.m.** New Member Workshops, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

**12 p.m.** UUP Retiree Meeting/Luncheon, sponsored by UUP. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

## **Van Safety Education Program Classes in September and October**

The van safety classes will be held in the Service Building or the Student Health Center Conference Room.

NOTE: The September and October dates/times for the "Hands-On Van Training" driving classes are at the Angell College Center Help Desk in a folder. Request the folder to sign-up for the 1.5 hour class or call #2121 to find out the schedule. Meet at the Central Heating Plant after you sign up.

Employees interested in attending any of the three-hour classroom instruction should contact Gina Doty at 564-5011. All van drivers on campus must complete the two-part van safety training course prior to using a 15-passenger style van.

In addition to the Van Safety Program, all participants need to have authorization under the Driver's Safety Review and Authorization Policy, which includes the License Event Notification System (LENS). Applications are available from their department chairs or University Police at 564-2022.

#### *September and October*

#### *Van Safety Classroom dates/times:*

Sept. 29 (Wed): 9 a.m.-noon (M&O/Service Bldg.)

Oct. 6 (Wed): 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (Health Center)

Oct. 19 (Tues): 1 p.m.-4 p.m. (M&O/Service Bldg.)

Oct. 28 (Thurs): 9 a.m.-noon (M&O/Service Bldg.)



## "PSU Late Night" Provides Various Activities for Students

Throughout the academic year, the Campus Life Office at SUNY Plattsburgh, along with its staff in the residence halls, organizes various activities for students.

These programs aim at enriching the college experience. Bryan Hartman, director of residence life said that such programming is vital to the continued success of on-campus living.

"Our programming efforts in the residence halls have the goal of meeting the needs and interests of the residents while at the same time creating a positive learning environment," said Hartman. "The creation of a community amongst the residents at both the floor level and the building level is an outcome we are aiming for."

The resident assistants (RAs) and the dorm councils of each residence hall organize programs. Stephanie Van Ess, graduate assistant in Campus Life, said that ideas for such programming stem from a variety of sources including residence hall programming websites; campus resources such as speakers, presentations and club events; and communi-

ty resources such as Rulfs Orchard, Whiteface Mountain and other interesting locations in the Adirondacks.

According to Van Ess, the types of programming activities are usually social, educational or cultural.

"Our staff is no longer limited to providing a certain number of programs in each category," said Van Ess. "Any single activity can fit into more than one. It is the job of the RA or the dorm council to find out the type of events that will be useful to students."

A part from the individual programs provided by the resident halls, the Campus Life Office, in association with the Student Association and College Auxiliary Services, also organizes campus-wide programming through "PSU Late Night" in the Angell College Center on Saturday nights.

Van Ess said that the main goals of "PSU Late Night" are to provide social weekend activities on a consistent basis and an alternative to going downtown.

"We want students to know that they can still have fun without consuming alcohol," said Van Ess.

"Hence we offer wholesome activities through small events like ping pong and craft or bigger events like comedians, hypnotists, bingo and casino night."

Kaywana Williams, a junior psychology major residing in Banks Hall, believes that "PSU Late Night" is definitely a positive experience.

"It is a lot of fun. The events provide an opportunity for me to have a great time with my friends. My favorite events are the casino night and bingo."

Hartman is optimistic that students' response to "PSU Late Night" will continue to grow.

"From day one we have attracted a minimum of 100 students, at times over 200 students, at each event. We have our regulars who show up every Saturday night," said Hartman. "We also draw students from all walks of collegiate life, both on-campus and off."

Some of the upcoming events planned for "PSU Late Night" include campus bingo on Sept. 18, a foam dance party on Sept. 25, and a talent show on Oct. 2.

-- Kimone Joseph, PR intern



Members of the Plattsburgh community gathered at the Hawkins Pond on Saturday, Sept. 11 for a memorial ceremony in honor of those who perished in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Two Plattsburgh State alumni, Robert Sutcliffe and William Erwin, were among those who died when the World Trade Center Towers collapsed in New York City. Speaking at the ceremony were President John Ettling, SA President Michael Harrington, Stephanie Van Ess, Father Scott Fobare and Campus Protestant Minister Steve Smith. The Plattsburgh State Gospel Choir (above) under the direction of Dr. Dexter Criss also performed.



Twenty-six children from ages 2-12 will be spending Saturdays this fall at the Champlain Valley Chinese School in Hudson Hall. Organized by Dr. Melinda Wu, the Saturday classes will include Mandarin language and lessons in Chinese culture. Chinese culture lessons will include making lanterns, Chinese clay figures, Chinese-style origami, and learning the bamboo-pole dance and the Chinese bean bag game. The school has received support from the Dean of Arts and Science Office and College Auxiliary Services. Above, the school held a welcome reception for the children and their families.



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## Samuel D's Opens Its Doors

### *New Facility a Showcase for HRTM Program*

The Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management (HRTM) Department in the School of Business and Economics is settling in to its new location in Sibley Hall. After a two-year, \$3.5 million project funded by the Capital Funds Program, the new offices, lecture hall, food labs and kitchens opened for students and faculty



**Students in HRT 464 get ready for the opening of Samuel D's, the new restaurant facility in Sibley Hall.**

this fall. And the program's new flagship restaurant, Samuel D's, is now open for business and will be in operation during the academic year. Monday through Friday mornings from 7:45 to 10:45 a.m., Samuel D's will offer Starbucks' coffee and pastries for breakfast. On Tuesdays, the restaurant will open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will offer dinner on Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. Samuel D's is open to the public, however reservations for lunch and dinner are required and can be made by calling 564-4260.

"We are pleased to have such a fine laboratory facility available for our students to develop and test their hospitality management skills," said Dr. Raymond Guydosh, interim dean of SBE and chair of the HRTM Department.

Kimberly Emery, chef and instructor in HRTM, teaches the food labs and helped the students prepare for the opening of Samuel D's.

"This is a completely student-run facility. The students are responsible for doing everything, from being a bus person to a prep cook," said Emery. "They rotate

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## One World Many Faces: Homecoming Weekend 2004

Plattsburgh State will welcome alumni from across the years back to campus when they return for the annual Homecoming celebration Oct. 15 to 17.

The weekend, which celebrates the theme, "One World, Many Faces," will provide an opportunity for alumni to make their way back to Plattsburgh for a weekend of fun and a walk down memory lane with old friends.

Rose Anderson '95, director of Alumni Affairs, believes that this year's celebrations promises to be one of the best ever.

"We are truly excited about Homecoming 2004," said Anderson. "It will be a wonderful opportunity for alumni to get together and interact with students, faculty, staff, faculty emeriti and the community."

Homecoming will provide a chance for alumni to reminisce about the past while they experience new things at Plattsburgh State.

"One great example of this will be the celebration of the return of Grace Reese to our campus. She served as international student advisor for over 20 years," said Anderson. "Grace will get to meet

the present international students as well as reunite with those whose lives she impacted while she work at the College."

According to Anderson, there will be a range of events for people to choose from.

"There will be something for everyone to enjoy," she said. "It will be a mixture of entertainment, food from around the world and concerts. This year, we are including a dinner theatre, 'Murder at the Rutherford House.' This will be an

*(See Homecoming, Page 2)*



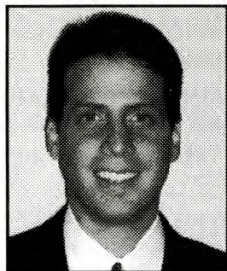
## Whitman to be Inducted into Sports Hall of Fame

Marc Whitman '94 will be inducted into the Cardinal Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday Oct. 16 at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Hall lobby.

"It is an incredible acknowledgement," said Whitman. "The Sports Hall of Fame is comprised of outstanding athletes from all sports -- being selected to be part of this elite group is exciting."

Whitman, a four-year starter for the men's soccer team, was named to the All-SUNYAC Team three times, the All-Region Team twice and was the SUNYAC Player of the Year in 1992. He was also Plattsburgh State's 1992 Athlete of the Year.

Whitman led his team scoring in three of his four seasons and finished his career with 50 goals and 24 assists for 124 points in 79 games.



Whitman

Whitman works as a regional training manager for OnQ Home, a company that specializes in entertainment, communication and comfort products for homes.

Whitman and his wife Audrey (Elliott) '93 have been married for seven years. The couple currently resides in Houston, Texas.



Darren Wodzinski, regional recruiting manager for Enterprise Rent-a-Car and a 1993 Plattsburgh State graduate, presented a gift to President John Ettling and the College Foundation for \$2,500. \$1,000 will support career initiatives in the School of Business and Economics; \$750 will support women's athletics; and \$750 will support the Panhellenic Council in honor of two Enterprise employees who are also Plattsburgh State alums and sorority members. Kelly Casey '00 is the vice president of marketing and was a member of Alpha Phi. Kristin Crane '04, is a secretary with Enterprise and was a member of Theta Alpha Lambda.

## Homecoming (Continued from Page 1)

interactive and fun event."

Some of the weekend's activities include:

### Friday, Oct. 15:

**7-10 p.m.** Welcome Back Buffet in Algonquin Dining Hall - This will give alumni a chance to meet former classmates while enjoying food and drinks. Tickets cost \$15 per person.

**8 p.m.** Pendragon Theatre presents "Servant of Two Masters" at the Hartman Theatre, Myers Fine Arts - The play, filled with disguise, deception and mystery, is a delight for all ages. Tickets cost \$8 for alumni, \$10 for non-alumni and \$5 for children. There will be a second showing on Saturday at 8 p.m.

**8-9 p.m.** Prism Concert at E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall - This concert has become the annual highlight of Homecoming. It will feature the Jazz Ensemble, the College Chorale, the Cardinal Singers, the Sinfonia, and small ensembles. Tickets cost \$5 each at the door.

**9 p.m.** Fabulous Fireworks on the field behind Memorial Hall -The Student Association will sponsor this fabulous fireworks display. This

event is open to the public.

### Saturday, Oct. 16:

**1-3 p.m.** "Desserts from around the world" at the Flynt Commons, Angell College Center -This will be a wonderful opportunity to relax with new and old friends while enjoying coffee and desserts from around the world.

**1-3 p.m.** "Student Activities Fair" - Angell College Center. The clubs and organizations on campus will be on hand to show off the fun activities they do during the year. The international student population at Plattsburgh State will be highlighted through a cultural exhibition.

**3-5 p.m.** "Open House Receptions" - Dr. David Mowry will host a reception in honor of the 20th anniversary of the Honors Center in 121 Hawkins Hall. A reception will also be held in the Louise Norton Room in Ward Hall. The Nursing Department will hold its reception in the Nursing Skills lab in Hawkins Hall. There will be an international alumni/student reception hosted by Grace Reese '59 and Sussy Komala '74.

**7:30 p.m.** Homecoming Dinner Theatre "Murder at the Rutherford House" - This dinner-theater comedy by Peter DePietro and Tom Chiodo will be directed by Bonnie Rogers Black '72. It will give the audience a chance to figure out who is the murderer. Tickets cost \$35 a person.

### Sunday, Oct. 17

**9 a.m.** "History of Plattsburgh State" in the Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall - Dr. Douglas Skopp, SUNY distinguished professor of history, will present a lecture on the history of the campus.

**10 a.m.** "Gospel Choir Performance" in the Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall - This promises to be an exciting performance filled with singing and dancing.

**3 p.m.** "Rockwell Blake in Concert" at E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium in Hawkins - Blake is a world-renowned operatic tenor. This concert is sponsored by Hill and Hollow Music. Tickets cost \$25 per person.

For a complete schedule of Homecoming events or to make reservations, call the Alumni Affairs Office at (518) 564-2090.



## Sponsored Research Boasts of Successful Year

The Sponsored Research Office reported that last year was the second most successful year to date with nearly \$4 million committed in grant money.

During the past year, Sponsored Research received 109 proposals in the areas of education such as curriculum revisions and purchasing lab equipment; research such as exploring either basic or applied issues; and public service such as the Alzheimer's Disease Assistant Center, the Traumatic Brain Injury Center, Upward Bound and the Technical Assistance Center.

Dr. Susan Spissinger, associate vice president for academic affairs and research, reported that this was the highest number of proposals ever submitted in a single year.

According to Spissinger, the Sponsored Research Office aims to provide a comprehensive support system for grant applicants.

"This means that we provide assistance from beginning to end," she said. "First, we work with our clients and help them to write the grant, find a sponsor, formulate a budget plan and send out their request. Then, once the grant is funded, we help with post award duties like setting up accounts,

purchasing and processing reports."

Spissinger said that one of the most rewarding aspects of Sponsored Research is the opportunity to work with faculty from diverse areas across campus.

"We are always enthusiastic about learning from our clients. As we work with faculty, we see how interested they are in what they do and that becomes contagious," she said. "We experience first-hand the amount of time they spend on projects, yet we understand that for them, it is a labor of love."

One such client is the Lake Champlain Research Institute (LCRI). The institute provides facilities and assistance for research on Lake Champlain. Its mission is to support student research and provide students with experience to prepare them for further research as they continue their education. According to the institute's coordinator, Dr. Timothy Mihuc, Sponsored Research has continuously provided invaluable service to LCRI.

"In order to continue the work that we do, LCRI needs a strong research foundation office and Sponsored Research has been just that," said Mihuc. "Without the assis-

tance in getting things organized, we would have been unable to do most of the research we have done."

Upward Bound is another client of the Sponsored Research Office. Upward Bound provides academic support, counseling and leadership opportunities for high school students who meet federally defined income and educational guidelines. Elaine Leavitt, director of Upward Bound, said Sponsored Research has been a great help with grant writing for the program.

"I have been working with Sponsored Research since 1987," said Leavitt. "The staff takes our ideas from rough drafts to polished request documents. With their assistance, we have been able to consistently get high grades on our grant applications."

Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said, "Sponsored Research is a crucial organization for Plattsburgh State. It supports all key aspects of the College's mission, not only research but teaching and service as well. It has had noticeable success in increasing research and other support for this College over the last few years and we have every reason to believe this success will continue in the future."

## Grant to Challenge College, Community to Reduce Alcohol Abuse

A program to combat underage drinking and alcohol abuse in 18- to 25-year-olds on campus and in the community has received \$236,000 in state funding.

The New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) has approved a grant application submitted by Dr. Kathleen Camelo, director of student health services at Plattsburgh State, on behalf of the College, Clinton Community College and the Plattsburgh Community Workforce.

"We'll specifically be assessing those populations and implementing a program that has been proven to change behaviors," Camelo said. Unlike other programs that concentrate on the campus population, Camelo said this program will target the age-specific audience both on and off campus.

"We based this grant application on a program called 'Challenging College Alcohol Abuse (CCAA),' a social norms and environmental management program developed at the University of Arizona that reduces high-risk drinking and related negative consequences in college students," Camelo said.

According to CCAA, "the campus health services uses new and innovative methods to communicate public health information to students, the campus community and the surrounding community."

The program will do this by: correcting misconcep-

tions, increase knowledge and change attitudes about alcohol and drug use behaviors; changing policies and practices related to alcohol and drug use among fraternity and sorority chapters; changing faculty, administration, parental, community and policymaker perceptions to prevent perpetuation of alcohol and drug myths; and increasing restrictions on alcohol availability and monitor on- and off-campus distribution and consumption.

Camelo served as lead applicant for the grant, which was submitted last spring and was formally awarded this summer. She will serve as its director along with co-chairs Jessica Butts, health educator with the Center for Student Health and Psychological Services at Plattsburgh State; Jerimy Blowers, an educator with Champlain Valley Family Center; and Bonnie Black, director of Employee Assistance Services at Behavioral Health Services North.

"Our motivation is to look at underage drinking on campus and in the community and try to make an impact," Camelo said. "Ultimately, we want to change behaviors and culture within the campus and community. To do that, we've also partnered with area businesses CVPH Medical Center, Georgia-Pacific and Behavioral Health Services North. We will be doing an on-line core alcohol and drug survey in October during Alcohol Awareness Week to obtain baseline data, which will then be utilized to assess the target population. Our programming will then be tailored to that assessment."

The grant will fund the project during a three-year period.



Camelo



## Lurie Re-Appointed to College Council

Edward S. Lurie, the director of legislative services for the New York State Senate and a 1970 graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh, has been re-appointed by Gov. George Pataki to the College Council.

Lurie serves as a top aide to Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno. The Niskayuna, N.Y., resident was first appointed to the Council in September of 2003 to fill an unexpired term. His re-appointment is for seven years and will last through June 30, 2011.

Lurie said serving as a council member is both challenging and rewarding.

"Since I graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh in 1970, much has changed, and we need to meet those challenges," said Lurie.

"I think we have one of the best facilities and faculties in the SUNY system. As a council member, I want to be sure that high school seniors know there is a special place in the SUNY system called Plattsburgh."

Lurie has also served as executive director of the New York Republican State Committee and the New York State Senate Campaign Committee.

Lurie and his late wife, Carol, are the parents of two grown sons, Jason and Adam. He also holds a master's degree in communication from SUNY Albany.

## Osborn Works Featured in Exhibition

Thirty-seven sculptures produced over a 20-year period by Don Osborn, professor of art, will be part of the exhibition, "Profound Shapes: The Art of Don Osborn." The exhibition, in the Burke Gallery and the Myers Lobby Galley, will be on display from Oct. 9 through Jan. 21, 2005.

These sculptures include a large selection of recent work and retrospective selections of unique and seminal pieces.

Osborn came to SUNY Plattsburgh in 1985 when he assumed direction of the sculpture area. Since that time, the program has changed greatly in facilities and the broadening of student opportunities.

During his tenure, Osborn's own work has passed through a critical and definitive evolution. These changes have been recognized by placement in prestigious exhibitions and collections throughout the country, including Chicago, Ill., Providence, R.I. and St. Paul, Minn.

Osborn will be retiring at the end of the semester, but much of his work and activity will continue.

The exhibition will open with a reception on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 4 p.m. in the Burke Gallery.

## Samuel D's (Continued from Page 1)

positions and decide whose in charge of what. I'm very impressed with the students. They are doing it all."

According to Mark Gultek, assistant professor of HRTM, Samuel D's will be an integral part of the HRTM program.

"The facility is a nice complement to all of our hospitality management courses since it will enhance our curriculum with hands-on applications of management principles, especially those involved in running a food service operation," said Gultek. "It will also enable our graduates to compete with the graduates from all other premier hos-

pitality management programs across the country."

Member of the HRTM faculty Robert Rolfs said that the facilities in Sibley will be of great benefit to SUNY Plattsburgh.

"The opening of the Sibley Hospitality Management Center for the HRTM program will benefit Plattsburgh State, the community and most importantly, the HRTM student body," said Rolfs. "It provides an integration of curriculum and industry practice, a culmination of hospitality learning, a marketing tool to attract additional student and to stay competitive with other hospitality programs, and it is a tangible linkage between the College and the community."

Adam Lewin, a junior HRTM major from Hopewell Junction, N.Y., said that as a student in the program, he is enjoying the new facilities.

"The kitchen for Samuel D's is amazing. It has everything

we could ask for," said Lewin. "We're getting experience with the whole aspect of running a restaurant and learning about teamwork. It's great."

Classmate Kevin Hornby, a senior HRTM major from Plattsburgh, agreed.

"I'll get more management experience," said Hornby. "And the new facility is creating excitement in the department, for students and for the faculty."

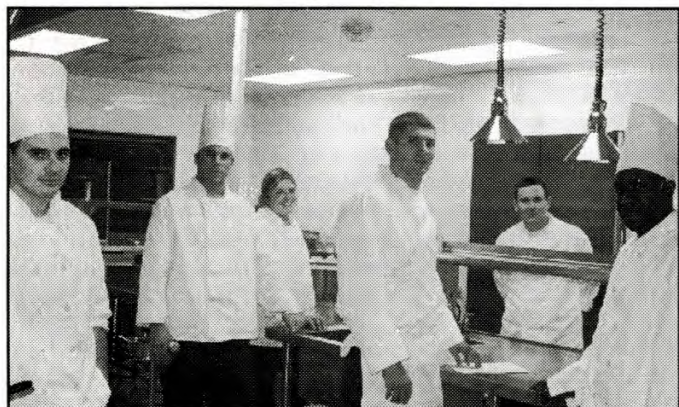
Kenny Pierson, a junior HRTM major from Brewster, N.Y., said that the restaurant will provide a great way for HRTM students to get hands-on experience.

"The new facilities provide a unique, interactive learning environment. Students get to interact a lot more with each other and to work together."

HRTM faculty member John Parmelee said that Samuel D's has flagship status.

"We now have, without a doubt, the finest Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management training facility in the SUNY system," said Parmelee.

For more information, see the Samuel D's website at <http://samueld.com/>



HRTM students prepare Samuel D's kitchen for its opening.



## Silver, Kelly Receive Promotions

Seth Silver and Michael Kelly have received promotions within the University Police Department at Plattsburgh State.

Silver is the new investigator for the Department. He began his new position at the end of August.

"So far, so good," said Silver. "We haven't had an investigator for a while. This is a position that our department has been working for. It will be my job to do more in-depth investigations and follow-ups."

Silver will also be responsible for updating the department's evidence procedures and revamping the property room. He will be more active in departmental training of other officers.

Silver, a 1996 graduate of SUNY Plattsburgh and originally from Long Island, started as a patrolman in 1995 when UP was known as Public Safety.

"I like it here a lot. It's a nice place to work," Silver said. "My new position has a lot of potential and I'll have the opportunity to work on interesting cases."

Kelly has been promoted to lieutenant. He first joined the Department in 1987. His new supervisory role includes being responsible of patrol officers along with policy enforcement and setting policies.



**Silver**



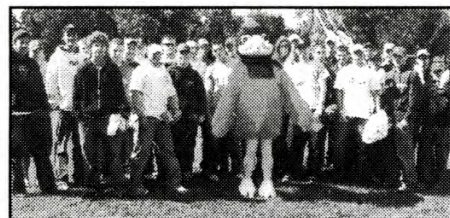
**Kelly**

## Teams Participate in Buddy Walks

Several SUNY Plattsburgh athletic teams recently participated in a Buddy Walk to benefit the North Country Down Syndrome Association.

The walk on Sept. 19 by 88 athletes and coaches raised a total of \$1,552 for the association.

Right, top to bottom: The men's baseball team had 32 walkers who raised \$956. The men's basketball team had 11 walkers who raised \$96. The men's hockey team had 25 walkers who raised \$300. The women's hockey team had 20 walkers who raised \$200.



## Lothar Osterburg Next Speaker for Visual Art Series

Photographer/printmaker Lothar Osterburg will give a presentation on Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge in the Angell College Center.

Working with small constructed models and the technique of photogravure, Osterburg brings to realization his own imaginings of a romantic, ideal universe. Some of the most common images of his work include sailboats, spacecrafts, rushing water and barren arctic landscapes that depict freedom in travels to unknown lands juxtaposed with the reality that the scenes are staged and created in the artist's studio.

The Visual Arts Series, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Student Association and the Campus Arts Council.

## Spotlight

on faculty and staff

**Dr. James Lindgren**, professor of history, presented a paper, titled "Upholding the Standards of Liberty: American Preservationists and the Great War, 1914-1920," at the 15th Annual National Seminar of the Western Front Association in August. In addition, the National Park Service invited him to speak in September at the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration of the Saugus (Mass.) Iron Works National Historic Site, where his remarks were titled: "The Survival of Truly



**Lindgren**



**Waid-Jones**

Mediaeval Mannerisms in Construction: William Sumner Appleton and the Cultural Politics of New England Antiquities."

**Kris Waid-Jones**, adjunct instructor in music, submitted a sculpture to the Juried Outdoor Sculpture Competition at the 12th Annual Art Hop sponsored by the South End Arts & Business Association in Burlington Vt. in September. He placed first for his piece titled, "La Puerta," a welded steel Spanish door and facade.



# FOCUS Calendar

Friday, Oct. 1 - Sunday, Oct. 17

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

## FRIDAY, OCT. 1

**9 a.m.** Samuel de Champlain Biennial Symposium, sponsored by Canadian Studies. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**8 p.m.** College Theatre Association Performance, Tickets on sale at the door. Admission \$2. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

## SATURDAY, OCT. 2

**8 a.m.** Communication Disorders & Sciences Conference. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom A.

**4 p.m.** Voter Registration Tabling, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center 2nd Floor Lobby.

**4 p.m.** Voter Registration Picnic/Concert, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Courtyard.

**8 p.m.** College Theatre Association Performance, sponsored by Theatre Department. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

**9 p.m.** Welcome Back Party, sponsored by El Pueblo. Admission to the event is \$3, tickets on sale at the Angell Center Desk, night of the event. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

## SUNDAY, OCT. 3

**5 p.m.** Alive at Five, sponsored by Protestant Campus Ministry. Angell College Center Meeting Room 4.

## MONDAY, OCT. 4

**4:30 p.m.** Parent to Parent Education Discussion, sponsored by Education Department. Angell College Center

Cardinal Lounge.

## TUESDAY, OCT. 5

**12 p.m.** New Member Workshops, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

**12 p.m.** UUP Retiree Meeting/Luncheon, sponsored by UUP. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

**4:30 p.m.** Monthly Faculty Senate Meeting. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

**7 p.m.** Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

## WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6

**12 p.m.** Committee on Greek Affairs, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

**12 p.m.** Academic Major Open House, sponsored by Academic Affairs. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom A.

**3 p.m.** Career Development Center Fall Workshops presents Applying to Graduate Schools. Sponsored by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**4:30 p.m.** Gamma Sigma Alpha Induction, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

**6:00 p.m.** Plattsburgh College Night, sponsored by Admission's Office. Field House, Indoor Track/Gymnasium.

**7 p.m.** National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, sponsored by Office For Violence Prevention. Angell

College Center Warren Plattsburgh Room.

**7:30 p.m.** Visual Artist Series, sponsored by Campus Arts Council. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

## THURSDAY, OCT. 7

**11 a.m.** Depressing Screen Information Table, sponsored by Counseling & Psychological Res. Ctr. Angell College Center Lobby 1.

**5:30 p.m.** Cystostic Fibrosis Speaker, sponsored by Delta Phi Epsilon. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge. **7:30 p.m.** Politically Based Films Series, sponsored by College Democrats. Yokum Hall 202.

**8 p.m.** S.A. Fall Concert, sponsored by Student Association. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**9 p.m.** Academic Affairs Board Meeting, sponsored by SA Academic Affairs Board. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

## FRIDAY, OCT. 8

**11 a.m.** Career Development Center Fall Workshops, presents Developing a Job Portfolio. Sponsored by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

## SATURDAY, OCT. 9

**7 p.m.** CDPI Film and W.R.A.P. Session, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

## TUESDAY, OCT. 12

**8 a.m.** Senior Enrichment Day, sponsored by College Auxiliary Services. Angell

College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**7 p.m.** Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

## WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13

**6 p.m.** Peace Corps Meeting, sponsored by Career Development Center. Angell College Center Meeting Room 5.

**7 p.m.** National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, sponsored by Office For Violence Prevention. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**8 p.m.** NAACP Open Discussion. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

## THURSDAY, OCT. 14

**11 a.m.** Career Development Center Fall Workshops, presents Choosing/Changing a Major or Career. Sponsored by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**12:15 p.m.** Greek Advisors Meeting, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.



**7:30 p.m.** Politically Based Films Series, sponsored by College Democrats. Yokum Hall 202.

**9 p.m.** Academic Affairs Board Meeting, sponsored by SA Academic Affairs Board. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

## **FRIDAY, OCT. 15 HOMECOMING WEEKEND**

**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** Journalism alumni sessions. Three journalism alumni will share their success stories. The Commons, Champlain Valley Hall.

**11 a.m.** Alumni Golf Outing. Come tee off in

the fifth annual Alumni Golf Outing. Cost is \$35 and includes golf cart, prizes and lunch. For more information, call 564-2090. Barracks Golf Course.

**6 p.m.** Cardinal Sports Hall of Fame/Block P Dinner. Cost is \$20 and includes a buffet dinner/cash bar. Call 564-2090 to make reservations. Plattsburgh Room, Angell College Center.

**8 p.m.** Pendragon Theatre Residency, "The Servant of Two Masters" by Carlo Goldoni. Tickets are available only at the door for Faculty/Staff/Students (\$7) and General Public (\$10). Plattsburgh State Student(\$2) tickets available at the Angell College Center and at the door. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

**8 p.m.** 17th Annual PRISM Concert, sponsored by the Music Department. Tickets: \$ SA Members, \$5 general admission, on sale at the Angell Center Desk and at the door. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

**9 p.m.** Fabulous Fireworks. The Student Association sponsors a fireworks display for Homecoming 2004. Field behind Memorial Hall.

## **SATURDAY, OCT. 16**

**9 a.m.** Family Fun Run with the Cardinal Cross Country Team. For reservations, contact 564-2090. Part of Homecoming 2004.

**9 a.m.** ODK Alumni Breakfast, sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**11 a.m.** Recognition ceremony for Men's Soccer All Americans. Part of Homecoming 2004. Field House.

**12 p.m.** Alumni Rugby game. Part of Homecoming 2004. Field Behind Sibley Hall.

**1 p.m.** Student Activities Fair. Part of Homecoming 2004. First and second floors, Angell College Center.

**1 p.m.** Desserts from Around the World. Come meet and greet Plattsburgh State alums during this informal setting. Part of Homecoming 2004. Flynt Commons, Angell College Center.

**3 p.m.** Men's Alumni Soccer Game. Part of Homecoming 2004. Soccer Field, Field House.

**5 p.m.** Cardinal Sports Hall of Fame Induction ceremony of Marc Whitman'94, a soccer team stand-out. Part of Homecoming 2004. Memorial Hall.

**6:30 p.m.** President's Reception and Homecoming Dinner Theater. Cost is \$35 per person. Part of Homecoming 2004. Flynt Commons and Warren Ballrooms, Angell Center.

**8 p.m.** Pendragon Theatre Residency, "The Servant of Two Masters" by Carlo Goldoni. Tickets are available only at the door for Faculty/Staff/Students (\$7) and General Public (\$10). Plattsburgh State Student(\$2) tickets available at the Angell College Center and at the door. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

## **SUNDAY, OCT. 17**

**8 - 10 a.m.** Farewell Breakfast Send-Off for alumni. Cost is \$10. For reservations, call 564-2090. Part of Homecoming 2004 Weekend. Hawkins Hall Patio.

**9 a.m.** History of Plattsburgh State presented by Dr. Douglas Skopp. Part of Homecoming 2004. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

**10 a.m.** Gospel Choir performance. Part of Homecoming 2004. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

## **Center for Student Health and Psychological Services Fall Groups**

To register for any of the following groups, call 564-3086. All calls are strictly confidential.

**Stress Management Workshop:** Wednesday, Oct. 20 from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Open to the college community, topics during this workshop will focus on managing stress in our busy schedules using relaxation, visualization and self-talk exercises and living a more healthy life by focusing on nutrition and exercise. Location: Activity Room in the lower level of Memorial Hall.

**Self Development Group:** Fridays from 3 to 4 p.m. Open to students only, this is a general psychotherapy group designed to reach a broad group of students experiencing a diverse set of issues with a common theme of having the ability to benefit from peer feedback and insight. Improve your ability to manage personal issues; expand self-awareness; build self-esteem; improve social skills; gain coping skills; and receive feedback from peers in a supportive environment. Location: Student Health Center Conference Room (#148).

**The Body Image and Eating Issues Group:** Day and time to be determined. Open to students only, this is a support group designed to help students who are dealing with issues related to food and self-esteem. Location: Student Health Center Conference Room (#148).

**Coming Out Support Group:** Day and time to be determined. This support group, open to students only, is designed to provide a safe environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered individuals. A broad range of topics is possible and might include coming out concerns, relationship issues, self-esteem and identity development. Location: Student Health Center Conference Room (#148).

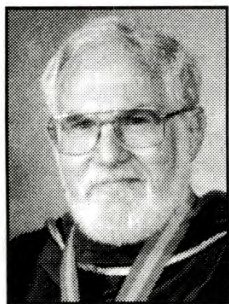
**Grief Support Group:** Day and time to be determined. Open to students only, this group is intended to provide a safe environment for students dealing with grief to come together and provide support for one another. Location: Student Health Center Conference Room (#148).



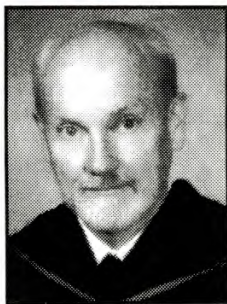
## Faculty Portraits Unveiled



**Church**



**Cohen**



**Mikkelson**

The portraits of the newest SUNY Distinguished Professors were unveiled recently during a ceremony in the Benjamin F. Feinberg Library.

Dr. Mark Cohen was promoted to the rank of SUNY Distinguished Professor. This rank is the highest honor that SUNY can bestow. Cohen is the first faculty member at SUNY Plattsburgh to achieve this rank. He has been a member of the Plattsburgh State faculty since 1971. Dr. Nancy Church was promoted to the rank of SUNY Distinguished Service Professor of Marketing and Entrepreneurship. She joined the Plattsburgh State faculty in 1977. Richard Mikkelson was promoted to SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor of Art. He joined the faculty in 1969.



**Leslie Feinberg, a leader in the transgender rights movement since its beginning, recently gave a powerful presentation in front of nearly 200 SUNY Plattsburgh faculty, staff and students. Feinberg, a social, political and labor activist, is a compelling speaker on issues of sexuality, society and culture. He is the author of three books, including *Stone Butch Blues*, a novel about a butch lesbian who grows up in a factory town during the 1950s. The event was sponsored by the Women's Studies Forum, the Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion, the Center for Women's Concerns, S.O.U.L., College Auxiliary Services, and the Multicultural Program of the Office of Campus Life.**

## Super Saturday School Offers Programming for Gifted Students

The Super Saturday School will return to SUNY Plattsburgh from Oct. 16 to Nov. 20 in Sibley Hall.

The Super Saturday School is a six-week program offered in the fall and spring that provides an accelerated and creative learning environment for gifted children of the North Country. Gifted children, who have outstanding abilities and are capable of high performance, are identified by qualified professionals.

Dr. Karen Agne, associate professor of education started the program nine years ago.

Agne, Illinois State's 1984 Gifted Teacher of the Year, came to Plattsburgh State with considerable experience in gifted education.

"When I arrived in Plattsburgh, I was concerned that so little was being done here for gifted students," said Agne. "Through my graduate class on gifted education, I found others who shared my concerns. Together we developed the idea of Super Saturday School. Several of these people still work with the program today."

Super Saturday School runs from 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on

Saturdays. Participants are students from grades K through 12. Students and their parents choose two out of four classes and each class is one and a half hours long.

An open house during the final session allows families to view an exhibition of the students' work and performance. The tuition is \$15 per student per Saturday.

The teachers include both Plattsburgh State faculty as well as individuals in the community. According to Agne, the classes are different from what is taught in public schools.

"Our classes change every session. They are always fast-paced with emphasis on greater depth and do not duplicate what our students are already learning in regular school," she said. "For example, our math classes focus on critical thinking and may include a class on the stock market or creative problem solving. We also offer theater and the arts as well as philosophy."

The main goals of this program are to provide a community-supported learning environment where gifted students may continue to grow intellectually while providing

teachers with the opportunity to work with and observe gifted students.

Agne said that she is always excited to meet new students and reconnect with returning ones.

"Gifted students are intrinsically motivated and enthusiastic about learning," said Agne. "Often, we have to run fast enough to catch up with the students. We strive to be flexible enough to let the students lead the way. We learn to expect the creativity and fun our students continually bring to the program. I believe this program has continued, in no small part, because these students are such a pleasure to teach."

The school is the primary activity of the Adirondack Advocacy for Gifted Education (AAGE). This organization is dedicated to providing programs for these talented students of our community.

Parents who think their child may be gifted can call Dr. Karen Agne at (518) 564-5136 to set up a free screening anytime during the school year.

-- Kimone Joseph, PR intern



# FOCUS

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## American Democracy Project Focuses Attention on Civic Values

If students aren't engaged in civic activities at SUNY Plattsburgh, it's not because the college hasn't offered any opportunities in the past.

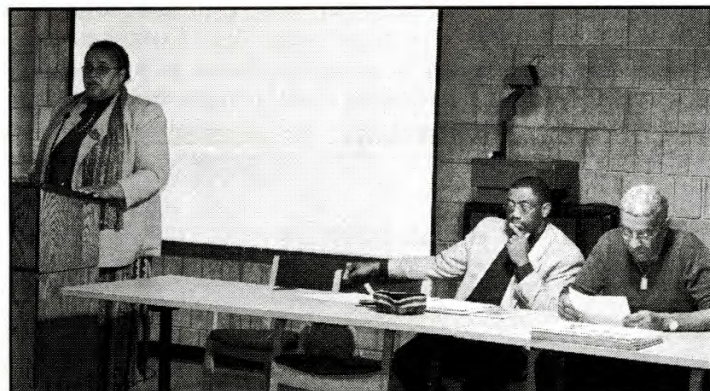
In fact a preliminary audit of civic engagement on campus has found that Plattsburgh State has had an intensive, nearly decade-long commitment to developing a sense of civic responsibility in its students.

Lori Walters-Kramer, assistant professor of communication and co-director of the Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism, is coordinating the audit for the American Democracy Project at SUNY Plattsburgh.

The project was established on the SUNY campus in spring 2003 to encourage students to civic mindedness through experience, and to focus attention on the civic value of the college experience. It is part of a larger nationwide effort by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) in conjunction with The New York Times.

Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president of academic affairs, said he was not surprised by the findings.

"During the past 10 years, there have been many curricular and co-curricular initiatives to enhance students' understanding of civic engagement and responsibility," Golden said. "This audit, once complete, will point out how



**Marlene Fields talks about her involvement with the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. Monte Prather and Frank Jackson, Jr. were also members of the panel. The discussion was part of a program sponsored by the project.**

involved Plattsburgh State faculty, staff and students are in civic engagement. It will also establish a baseline upon which we can then decide where we as a campus need to promote initiatives to involve students in civic engagement."

*(See American Democracy, Page 2)*

## Learning Communities Enhance Freshman Experience

An innovative program, which aims to change the way some courses are taught at SUNY Plattsburgh, encourages students to be fully engaged in the learning process. The General Education Learning Community Program was launched this fall and is designed to offer freshmen a chance to enroll in a coordinated cluster of courses under a specific theme of a major contemporary issue.

This year's themes include "World

Hunger," "Human Drug Experience," "Visual Culture," "The Chemistry of Life," "Culture Conflict and Morality" and "Perfecting America." All classes are taught by faculty from many disciplines and contain about 23 students.

According to Dr. Thomas Morrissey, distinguished professor in the English department and coordinator of the Learning Community Program, the concept of this program is not new to Plattsburgh State.

"Between 1993 and 1999, about 23 faculty and a few hundred students participated in a program called, "Looking for America," which involved a cluster of classes focusing on the American identity," said Morrissey. "However, the recent changes to the general education program have made it possible for us to introduce the Learning Community Program in its current form."

*(See Learning Communities, Page 4)*

# Welcome Plattsburgh State Alumni



## Plan for Internal Promotions for Professional Employees

The Office of Human Resource Services and United University Professions have revised and reimplemented a plan for the internal promotion of professional employees. The plan was originally used nearly 20 years ago by the former Personnel Office before being "shelved."

Under the plan, which was recently approved by the Executive Council, local UUP professional employees applying for all UUP professional vacancies will be reviewed by the search committee prior to the committee looking at other applications.

Larry Mills, executive director of Human Resource Services, said, that if the committee selects one of the UUP professional employees and that person accepts the position, the search ends at that point.

If the search committee either has no internal professional applicants or chooses not to select someone from the internal professional pool, Mills said the committee will then review applications from members of other campus bargaining units. If an internal applicant is not selected during the initial review, these applicants previously judged

qualified for the position but not promoted or appointed will be considered in the larger candidate pool of external applicants.

"UUP and the administration believe that the concept of internal career development is integral to employee morale and institutional success," said Mills. "This will provide existing employees with the opportunity of first consideration for eligible, vacant positions as they become available."

"Building and maintaining an excellent workforce is in part achieved by providing equal opportunity to all persons in employment consideration, and everyone recognizes the need to balance affirmative action commitments with the concept of internal promotion."

Professional vacancies are available on-line at [www.plattsburgh.edu/php-bin/hr/professional.php](http://www.plattsburgh.edu/php-bin/hr/professional.php). Paper copies of the vacancies will also be posted in break rooms within certain buildings on campus. Questions regarding the plan should be directed to Larry Mills at [larry.mills@plattsburgh.edu](mailto:larry.mills@plattsburgh.edu) or 564-5062.



## Plattsburgh Day at CCC

It was Plattsburgh Day at Clinton Community College on Tuesday, Sept. 28. The event celebrated the close connection between the two institutions. A reception was held at Clinton Community College on the second floor veranda in the Main Building overlooking beautiful Lake Champlain. Several members of the SUNY Plattsburgh community, including President John Ettling, met and talked with Clinton Community College faculty and staff, including its interim president and SUNY Plattsburgh alumna, Dr. Agnes Pearl '60. The event was sponsored by the Plattsburgh Alumni Association in conjunction with Clinton Community College.

## American Democracy (Continued from Page 1)

From Project HELP and the many Alternative Break programs for students to National Issues Forums and the establishment of the Clinton County AmeriCorps (now the Plattsburgh Student Service Corps), many programs involve students on and off campus.

Golden said a number of new initiatives this fall have already sparked considerable awareness in civic engagement on the student and faculty level.

Interest in the presidential election Nov. 2 has renewed student attention toward voting on the Federal, State and local levels. "Rock the Vote," a national effort to encourage students to register to vote, has attracted considerable attention.

A "Debate Watch" following the first presidential debate on Sept. 30 was attended by nearly 200 students, faculty and community members.

Donald McCann, president of Lambda Pi Eta, the Communication Studies honorary society that sponsored the event, told North Country Public Radio that it was a lively and emotional event.

"It couldn't have turned out any better," said McCann. "There were so many opinions, and people were so willing to discuss, talk and bounce off ideas with each other. It went extremely well."

The American Democracy Project has also established a lecture series, titled "Profiles in Commitment," which features local, regional, and national speakers discussing how they became engaged in local, statewide, or national political or social issues.

In addition to speaking about their involvement in public life, the guests will offer suggestions to students and members of the broader community about avenues for such

engagement.

The first lecture featured a discussion by several members of the local Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission. Marlene Fields, director of the Equal Opportunity Program at Plattsburgh State and commission chair, along with Frank Jackson, Jr., past commission chair, and Monte Prather, commission member, told approximately 30 individuals on Oct. 7 how they became involved in the first Martin Luther King celebration in Plattsburgh.

Late this fall, the American Democracy Project will host Daniel Stewart, the mayor of the city of Plattsburgh, discussing how he became involved in public life.

For more information concerning the American Democracy Project, contact the Provost's Office or visit the project's Website at [www.plattsburgh.edu/offices/academic/adp](http://www.plattsburgh.edu/offices/academic/adp)



## Organizational Changes Announced

SUNY Plattsburgh will be implementing a series of organizational changes soon designed to enhance the college's enrollment management efforts and the quality of undergraduate life on the campus.

President John Ettling has announced that Rich Higgins and his staff in the Admissions Office, International Student Support Services and Graduate Admissions, will report to Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs, beginning Nov. 1.

Ettling also said the marketing arm of Admissions, which includes Mark Mastrean and the Web Editor's Office will become part of the Office of Public Relations.

The three offices -- Admissions Office, International Student Support Services and Graduate Admissions -- have reported to the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

Ettling said the changes should boost the campus's strategic planning efforts on enrollment management and the marketing effort to recruit prospective students.

"We are undertaking these proactive efforts to enhance the visibility and competitive posture of SUNY Plattsburgh—within both New York

State and the northeast region of the United States. We expect an increased advertising presence in these areas will lead to more applications" said Ettling. "We also hope the changes will streamline the process of enrollment management, which is so critical to the future of the College. I hope everyone will embrace the changes and help in our efforts as we move forward."

Golden said he sees the alignment of admissions with academic affairs as enhancing the College's admissions posture by ensuring that admissions and program and curriculum development in academic affairs are working closely together.

"Enrollment management is an institutional responsibility and this enhanced connection between admissions and academic affairs is intended to improve our overall efforts to attract qualified students," said Golden. "I look forward to working with Rich Higgins and his competent and dedicated staff."

Ettling said that two other initiatives will begin Nov. 1. Peter Luguri, assistant vice president for student affairs, will lead a college-wide project to examine the quality of undergraduate life.

Luguri will retain his current posi-

tion and responsibilities as assistant vice president. However, he will be reporting jointly to Golden and Interim Vice President for Student Affairs William Laundry for this project.

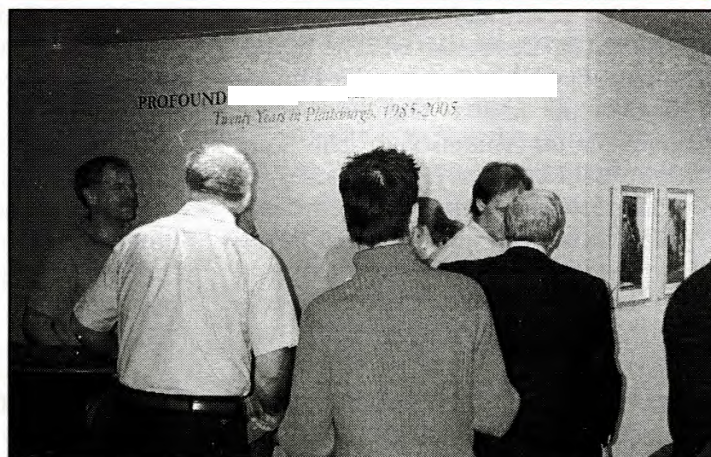
The focus of this project will include: retention and graduation rates; student perceptions about the effectiveness of student support services and academic advising; effectiveness of campus communication with students; and overall campus climate.

Luguri will lead a study group composed of administrators, faculty and student leaders who will review existing data and conduct focus groups and public hearings. The study group will prepare a report with recommendations for President Ettling by March 31, 2005.

Dr. Raymond Domenico, assistant vice president for academic affairs, will have responsibility for oversight of the Registrar's Office and Academic Advising. He will continue to work as the coordinator for the undergraduate curriculum approval process as well. The work he has done in the area of retention will become part of the project reviewing the overall quality of undergraduate student life.



Docents for the Plattsburgh State Art Museum were recently invited to tea at the President's House to meet and greet Dr. John Ettling, president of SUNY Plattsburgh, and his wife, Lisa. The Museum Docent Organization is a group of volunteers who maintain the museum desks and gift shop, host tours, research, publish, travel and assist the staff with clerical needs. The number of docents averages around 40. A 15-week training program is given to all docents as well as other educational development activities that are conducted during the year. The tea was sponsored by the Plattsburgh College Foundation.



The exhibition celebrating the work of Don Osborn, professor of art, opened with a reception on Oct. 9. "Profound Shapes: The Art of Don Osborn," will be on display in the Burke Gallery and Myers Lobby through Jan. 21, 2005. The exhibition is comprised of 37 sculptures produced over a 20-year period by Osborn, who is retiring the end of this semester. These sculptures include a large selection of recent work and retrospective selections of unique and seminal pieces. Osborn first came to SUNY Plattsburgh in 1985 when he assumed direction of the sculpture area.





**Dr. Jayne Rivas '69**, chair of the Department of Pediatrics at St. Vincent's Hospital in Manhattan, N.Y., was the guest for the Institute for Ethics in Public Life Distinguished Speaker Series in early October. She gave a presentation, "The Maternal-Fetal Diad: Ethical Observations," in front of more than 150 faculty, staff and students in the Krinovitz Recital Hall. Rivas was awarded the Distinguished Alumna Award during Commencement in May 1996. She also returned to campus in 1991 as a Distinguished Visiting Alumna. Rivas was invited to participate in the Distinguished Speaker Series by: Dr. Thomas Moran, director of the Institute for Ethics in Public Life; David Curry, chair of the department of nursing, food and nutrition; Stephens Mundy, president and chief executive officer of CVPH; Dr. Wouter Rietsema, vice president for Medical Affairs at CVPH; and Dr. Robert Collins, chair of the Ethics Committee at CVPH.



The new soccer and lacrosse field was officially dedicated during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sept. 29. Members of the Cardinal Men's and Women's Soccer teams, with Head Coaches Chris Waterbury and Karen Wiley, along with College Council members, College officials and members of the community were in attendance. The ceremony also included skydivers who landed in the center of the field as well as the release of balloons. Following the ceremony, the men took to the field to battle Rensselaer. The Cardinals won 2 to 1. Then it was the women's turn as they played St. Lawrence University. The women were also victorious with a final score of 2 to 0. The Lady Cardinals also recently celebrated as junior Gena Rosenbaum, from Morrisonville, broke the previous school record of 100 career points. She also broke the record for most career goals.

## *Learning Communities (Continued from Page 1)*

Morrissey said the program has several goals for its students.

"The Learning Communities aim to provide freshmen with a transition from high school and a chance to develop habits that will make them better students in the long term," said Morrissey. "The classes are small enough to encourage students to be active and fully engaged in the learning process. They get the opportunity to know both their professors and the other students in their classes personally, hence each student feels that they are part of the group."

So far, Morrissey said that the response to the program has been positive. Most of the faculty members currently involved in the program are enthusiastic about continuing on next fall.

Dr. Richard Schnell, professor in the counseling department, teaches substance abuse, theory, policy, assessment and practice within the Learning Community's "Human

Drug Experience" theme.

"I am a strong supporter of the Learning Communities and other forms of experimental education as the best ways to engage the minds of new students," said Schnell. "These programs help students to foster an atmosphere of scholarly inquiry, critical thinking and the capacity to look at multiple sides of an argument. As a professor of mainly graduate classes, I find teaching these freshmen very exciting."

Dr. Lynda Ames, professor of sociology and criminal justice, teaches introduction to sociology under the program's "Perfecting America" theme.

Ames believes that the structure of the Learning Communities helps students to make important connections within the interrelated disciplines. In addition, Ames said that the size and nature of the classes allow faculty to spend more time with individual students.

"The Learning Community Program gives professors more time to help students develop important skills," said Ames. "In return, students are assured that they have professors who are there to look out for them."

For the most part, the students involved are very receptive to the program. Angel Acosta, an undeclared major from Manhattan, NY, is enrolled in the "Culture, Conflict and Morality" theme.

"The courses are extremely intriguing," said Acosta. "I enjoy the class discussions because they encourage me to open my mind to diverse perspectives. My favorite class in the Learning Community is moral problems with Professor J.W. Wiley."

Every course in the Learning Community Program satisfies a general education requirement and meets the oral expression requirement. All the courses include the introductory courses in several majors.

-- Kimone Joseph, PR intern



# Student Profile: Introducing Jessica Light

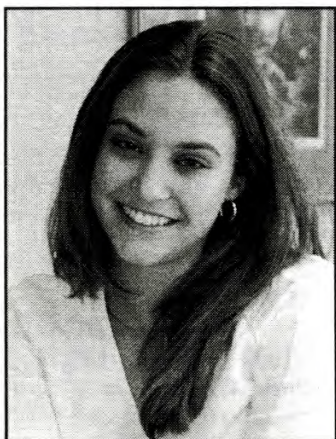
Although only in her second year at SUNY Plattsburgh, Jessica Light is dedicated to making a name for herself within the campus community.

Light, a mass communications major from Peru, N.Y., operates on a very busy schedule. She serves as co-president of the Honors Student Association (HSA), works part time at the Honors Center, serves as an honors seminar teaching assistant and serves on Plattsburgh State Television (PSTV) crews. In addition, Light is currently pledging the Delta Phi Epsilon (DFE) sorority, and she was an orientation leader this past summer.

She enjoys being engaged in some of the activities that are provided by the College for its students.

"Through the Honors Program, for example, I have developed intellectually," said Light. "Also, within my major, I am learning a lot from my professors, and I am always excited to learn more. I know that when I leave here, I will have the skills I need to have a successful career and life."

Light recalls that during her days as a senior at Peru Central High School, she was not sure about coming to Plattsburgh State.



Light

"I did not think about it much at first," she said. "Yet, when I was granted the Presidential Scholarship, I decided to give Plattsburgh State a chance. I am glad I did because I soon fell completely in love with everything here. I could feel the excitement that both the faculty and students have about belonging to this school, and I was hooked."

According to Light, professors at Plattsburgh State aim to encourage their students to develop positive attitudes toward their education and lives. One such teacher is Dr. David Mowry, distinguished teaching professor and director of the Honors Center.

"Dr. Mowry has taught me that learning is a journey," she said. "Although it may be difficult to travel, keeping on the path is certainly worthwhile in the end."

Some of Light's favorite classes at Plattsburgh State include National Issues (HON 138), Television Station Operations (MSM 233) and Fundamentals of Broadcasting (MSM 288).

Light wants students to get involved on campus and to take advantage of the opportunities the College has to offer.

"They should live the college life to the fullest, so that when they look back after four years, they will not be filled with regret," said Light. "They should also never be afraid to learn and grow."

After graduation, Light hopes to go to graduate school for a master's in broadcast journalism. She hopes to find a job in the field so she can gain experience while pursuing her graduate degree.

-- Kimone Joseph, PR intern

## Spotlight on faculty and staff

**Stephen Matthews**, assistant for the vice president of student affairs, has been traveling with students during Alternative Spring Break to Jackson, Tenn. for the past 10

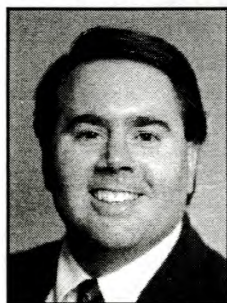
years. During his last visit, Matthews was honored along with Plattsburgh State and its students by the City for the years of service to the community through working with the Habitat for Humanity. "It doesn't feel like work," said Matthews. "You're working with students on a common goal, which is fun, enjoyable and very rewarding." In attendance during the ceremony in Jackson were the Mayor of the County of Madison, Tenn., Jerry Gist, and Mayor of Jackson, Tenn. Charles Farmer. Also in attendance were a few county legislators and the president of the local Habitat for Humanity

Board. "It's great to work with students who give up their traditional spring break to help out others," said Matthews. "They feel proud and good about themselves. You

just can't walk away from this experience without feeling awfully darn good about yourself."

**Dr. William Pfaff**, assistant professor of music, joined the faculty at Plattsburgh State in August. He recently completed a one-month residency in Ucross Artist Residency Program at Ucross, Wyo. During his one-month residency, Pfaff composed "Locket of Eternity," a piano duo. His other recent compositions include: "Beyond the Pale," for trombone and electric bass, which was premiered Sept. 7 by Rick Davies, trombone, and Drew Waters, electric bass; and "Last Light," a song cycle on three poems by Jane Kenyon for mezzo-soprano and string trio, which premiered at the Warebrook Contemporary Music Festival last July.

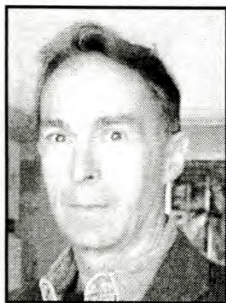
**Dr. Richard Robbins**, distinguished teaching professor of anthropology, has had the third edition of his book, *Global Problems and the Culture of Capitalism*, published by Allyn & Bacon.



Matthews



Pfaff



Robbins



# FOCUS Calendar

Friday, Oct. 15 - Saturday, Oct. 30

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

## FRIDAY, OCT. 15 HOMECOMING WEEKEND

**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** Journalism alumni sessions. Three journalism alumni will share their success stories. The Commons, Champlain Valley Hall.

**11 a.m.** Alumni Golf Outing. Come tee off in the fifth annual Alumni Golf Outing. Cost is \$35 and includes golf cart, prizes and lunch. For more information, call 564-2090. Barracks Golf Course.

**6 p.m.** Cardinal Sports Hall of Fame/Block P Dinner. Cost is \$20 and includes a buffet dinner/cash bar. Call 564-2090 to make reservations. Plattsburgh Room, Angell College Center.

**8 p.m.** Pendragon Theatre Residency, "The Servant of Two Masters" by Carlo Goldoni. Tickets are available only at the door for Faculty/Staff/Students (\$7) and General Public (\$10). Plattsburgh State Student(\$2) tickets available at the Angell College Center and at the door. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

**8 p.m.** 17th Annual PRISM Concert, sponsored by the Music Department. Tickets: \$ SA Members, \$5 general admission, on sale at the Angell Center Desk and at the door. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

**9 p.m.** Fabulous Fireworks. The Student Association sponsors a fireworks display for Homecoming 2004. Field behind Memorial Hall.

## SATURDAY, OCT. 16

**9 a.m.** Family Fun Run with the Cardinal Cross

Country Team. For reservations, contact 564-2090. Part of Homecoming 2004.

**9 a.m.** ODK Alumni Breakfast, sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**11 a.m.** Recognition ceremony for Men's Soccer All Americans. Part of Homecoming 2004. Field House.

**12 p.m.** Alumni Rugby game. Part of Homecoming 2004. Field Behind Sibley Hall.

**1 p.m.** Student Activities Fair. Part of Homecoming 2004. First and second floors, Angell College Center.

**1 p.m.** Desserts from Around the World. Come meet and greet Plattsburgh State alums during this informal setting. Part of Homecoming 2004. Flynt Commons, Angell College Center.

**3 p.m.** Men's Alumni Soccer Game. Part of Homecoming 2004. Soccer Field, Field House.

**5 p.m.** Cardinal Sports Hall of Fame Induction ceremony of Marc Whitman '94, a soccer team stand-out. Part of Homecoming 2004. Memorial Hall.

**6:30 p.m.** President's Reception and Homecoming Dinner Theater. Cost is \$35 per person. Part of Homecoming 2004. Flynt Commons and Warren Ballrooms, Angell Center.

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able at the Angell College Center and at the door. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

## SUNDAY, OCT. 17

**8 - 10 a.m.** Farewell Breakfast Send-Off for alumni. Cost is \$10. For reservations, call 564-2090. Part of Homecoming 2004 Weekend. Hawkins Hall Patio.

**9 a.m.** History of Plattsburgh State presented by Dr. Douglas Skopp. Part of Homecoming 2004. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

**10 a.m.** Gospel Choir performance. Part of Homecoming 2004. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

**3 p.m.** Rockwell Blake in Concert. Hill and Hollow Music sponsors a concert by world-renowned operatic tenor and Plattsburgh native Rockwell Blake. Tickets are \$25.

## TUESDAY, OCT. 19

**8 a.m.** Limit Setting & Anger Management with Child/Adol., sponsored by College Auxiliary Services. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**10 a.m.** Career Development Center Fall Workshops presents Delivering a Dynamic Interview. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**11 a.m.** CVPH Blood Drive, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**12 p.m.** New Member Workshops, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

**12:15 p.m.** CAS Executive Committee Meeting. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**12:30 p.m.** Service Learning Workshop, sponsored by Center for Service Learning & Volunteerism. Angell College Center Meeting Room 3.

**4:30 p.m.** Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**7 p.m.** Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

**8 p.m.** Movie Night (Hispanic Heritage Month), sponsored by El Pueblo. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

## WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20

**10:30 a.m.** Earth and Environmental Science Speaker. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**12 p.m.** Diversity Enlightenment Session, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**2 p.m.** Career Development Center Fall Workshops, presents Organizing an Effective Job Search. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**4:30 p.m.** Order of Omega Induction. Angell Center Warren Ballroom B.

## THURSDAY, OCT. 21

**9 a.m.** 1st Annual ESS Peace & Social Justice Conference, sponsored by Education Department. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**12 p.m.** New Faculty Orientation Meeting, sponsored by Provost's Office. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

**7 p.m.** Election Forum,



general discussion about the upcoming presidential elections, sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**7 p.m.** SOUL Food Movie Productions. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

**7 p.m.** CDPI Film and W.R.A.P. Session, presents "The Accused". Sponsored by the Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion and College Auxiliary Services. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

**7:30 p.m.** Politically Based Films Series, sponsored by College Democrats. Yokum Hall 202.

**9 p.m.** Academic Affairs Board Meeting, sponsored by SA Academic Affairs Board. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

### **FRIDAY, OCT. 22**

**8:30 a.m.** Student Teaching Seminar, sponsored by Office of Field Experience. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

**4 p.m.** ODK Membership Meetings. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**7 p.m.** Fashion Show, sponsored by AKEBA. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**7 p.m.** Student Concert, Duet featuring Richard Elicier, sponsored by the Campus Life Office. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

**10 p.m.** African Unity Organization Ladies Night Party, open to campus. Tickets: \$3, on sale at the Angell Center Desk. Sponsored by African Unity. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

### **SATURDAY, OCT. 23**

**5 p.m.** O.W.E. Annual Auction. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**9 p.m.** PSU Late Night presents Psychic Night,

sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Flynt Commons.

**10 p.m.** O.W.E. 's Auction After Party, Tickets: \$3 SA, \$4 public, on sale at the Angell College Center Desk. Sponsored by the Organization of Women of Ethnicity. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

### **SUNDAY, OCT. 24**

**1 p.m.** CDPI Film and W.R.A.P. Session, presents "Cider House Rules". Sponsored by the Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion and College Auxiliary Services. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

**5 p.m.** Alive at Five, sponsored by Protestant Campus Ministry. Angell College Center Meeting Room 4.

### **MONDAY, OCT. 25**

**1 p.m.** Career Development Center Fall Workshops, presents Choosing/Changing a Major or Career. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**4 p.m.** T.E.A.M. Orientation, open to members only. Sponsored by the Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**7:30 p.m.** Movie Night, sponsored by Outing Club. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

### **TUESDAY, OCT. 26**

**12 p.m.** New Member Workshops, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Amnesty Room.

**12 p.m.** Week of Empathy Panel Discussion, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. The Krinovitz Recital Hall.

**12:30 p.m.** EOP Academic Recognition Ceremony. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**3 p.m.** NCTRC Teacher Showcase, sponsored by

College Auxiliary Services. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**4:30 p.m.** Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meetings. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

**7 p.m.** Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

**8 p.m.** Movie Night (Hispanic Heritage Month), sponsored by El Pueblo. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

### **WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27**

**8 p.m.** NAACP Open Discussion. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

### **THURSDAY, OCT. 28**

**8 a.m.** International World Music Festival - Jolole Band, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**1:30 p.m.** Provost's Office Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

**3 p.m.** Career Development Center Fall Workshops, presents Creating Resumes and Cover Letters. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**4:30 p.m.** Distinguished Visiting Alumni Presentation, featuring Daniel Fitts, Class of '76. Sponsored by the Alumni Office. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**7 p.m.** Week of Empathy Film Presentation -- Shallow Hall, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

**7:30 p.m.** Politically Based Films Series, sponsored by College Democrats. Yokum 202.

**9 p.m.** SA Academic Affairs Board Meeting. Angell Center Meeting Room 1.

### **FRIDAY, OCT. 29**

**9:30 a.m.** Counselor

Education Admissions Day. Admission \$3, payable at the door. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**4 p.m.** ODK Membership Meetings. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**7 p.m.** Week of Empathy Comedian, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**7:30 p.m.** Media That Matters Travelling Film Festival, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

**8 p.m.** STOP Domestic Violence Discussions, sponsored by NAACP. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

### **SATURDAY, OCT. 30**

**9 a.m.** Defensive Driving Course, sponsored by the SA Student Services Board, open to SA Members only. Registration Fee: \$25, payable at the SA Office, Angell Center room 203. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**1 p.m.** Dance-A-Thon, sponsored by the JEDI Dance Organization. Tickets: \$3 advance sale, \$4 at the door, on sale at the Angell Center Desk beginning September 20, 2004. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**6 p.m.** Talent Showcase, sponsored by the PSU Gospel Choir. Tickets: \$3 SA, \$5 general admission, on sale at the Angell College Center Desk. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

**8 p.m.** Samhain Party, sponsored by the Pagan Wiccan Alliance. Admission: \$2, payable at the door. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

**10 p.m.** PSU Late Night presents Comedian - Andy Vastola, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.



## Speech Pathology Program Re-Accredited for Eight Years

SUNY Plattsburgh is keeping pace with the demands in one of the fastest growing fields in the United States. The College's Master's Program in Speech Pathology has been granted re-accreditation by the Council on Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

The accreditation is for an eight-year period, which began June 1 and will continue through Oct. 31, 2012. The program was last accredited in 1996.

Dr. Michael Morgan, chair of the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences, along with the entire faculty of the department worked on the re-accreditation process.

Morgan said this accreditation is very beneficial to the students in the program.

"Plattsburgh State students can be assured that they are receiving a degree from a program that is meeting all the standards of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association," said Morgan. "In turn, graduating from an accredited program will help our students to

continue on to their clinical fellowship year after graduation, which ensures their certification in clinical competency."

According to Morgan, alumni will also benefit from this re-accreditation of the graduate speech pathology program because it reaffirms the validity of their degree.

"Many of our students do internships with alumni," said Morgan. "Alumni will be guaranteed that they are working with students who possess skills and are meeting the high standards of the field. As a faculty, we are continually grateful to alumni who are willing to work with our students."

Plattsburgh State had to make certain changes due to the re-accreditation process. Part of this stemmed from a change within the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association itself.

Instead of the minimum 375 supervised clinical practicum hours required in 1996, the Association presently demands 400 hours. With these hours, students must now show that they have met competency requirements.

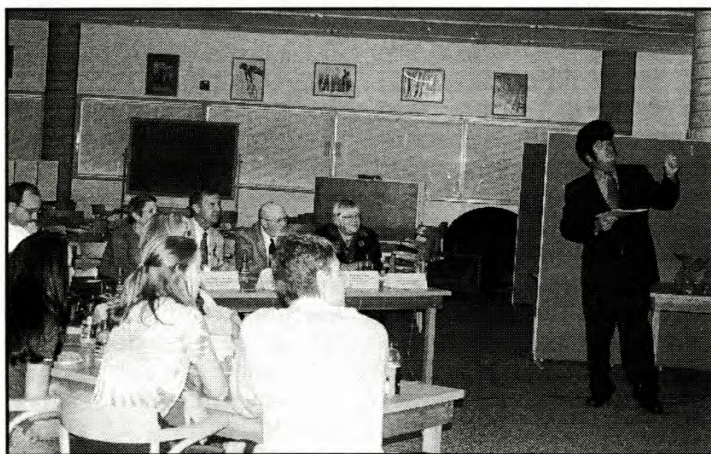
Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said that he is delighted, but not surprised by the re-accreditation of the graduate speech pathology program.

"The program has a reputation for producing well-trained, committed professionals who end up working in this region, in the rest of New York State, and beyond," said Golden. "The faculty is to be congratulated for once again effectively demonstrating the quality of this program to its national accrediting body."

The Council of Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association is recognized by the US Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation as the only agency to accredit graduate education programs that provide entry level (master's or doctoral) professional preparation with a major emphasis in audiology and or speech pathology.

About 20 students graduate every year from Plattsburgh State's graduate speech pathology program, which was started before 1976.

-- Kimone Joseph, PR intern



As part of the Claude J. Clark Learning Center's fall open house, the Ettling Equalizers and the Learning Center Dream Team faced off in a rousing game of Jeopardy, hosted by Robert "Elvis" Harsh. Members of the Equalizers included: Cerise Oberman, dean of library and information services; William Laundry, interim vice president for student affairs; Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs; and Dr. Kathleen Lavoie, dean of arts and science. The Learning Center team included students Amanda Brown, a sociology major; Nate Johnson, a graduate student in the MST program; Courtney Hallahan, a senior in communication disorders, and Chris Khouri, a Political Science major.



Carrie Woodward (above), advisor in admissions, talks with two prospective students during "College Night," which is held annually at the Plattsburgh State Field House. It provides a great opportunity for junior and senior high school students in Clinton, Essex and Franklin counties to meet and speak with representatives from nearly 120 colleges and universities. "It's a wonderful community event," said Richard Higgins, director of admissions. "High school students can talk with representatives from college and universities from across the Northeast." Also on hand from Plattsburgh State were members from the Financial Aid Office to answer questions from students and parents.



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## Community Scholars at SUNY Plattsburgh

"Spread the word: Community service is alive and well here at SUNY Plattsburgh, and thank God for that," said Mark Barie '75, founder and president of Crossborder Development Corporation and community scholarship sponsor, at the Community Scholarship Breakfast on Monday, Oct. 25.

The breakfast brought together the 13 students who received this year's Community Service Scholarships, the scholarship sponsors and the community service agency representatives.

The Community Service Scholarships, funded through the Plattsburgh College Foundation, are \$2,500 scholarships awarded to new students in exchange for service in the community.

Funding for the scholarships comes from contributions given specifically to the foundation to support the Community Scholarship Program. Sponsors of the program are: College Auxiliary Services; Crossborder Development Corporation; Crowley Foods, Inc.; Empire State Coca-Cola Bottling; Edith Knapp Endowment; HSBC; Evergreen Financial Services; Nine Platt Hospitality Group; Dr. Celine Racine Paquette '60; PARC; *Press Republican*; Sodexo Campus Services; SUNY Plattsburgh Federal Credit Union; and Tracy Trombley Construction.

The student scholarship recipients are required to engage in 10 hours of community service per week



**Community Service Scholar Kimberly Garrison talks about her experience this semester and what the scholarship has meant to her.**

throughout the academic year through the Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism. In return for their service, they receive tuition, room and board assistance.

"This is a win-win opportunity," said Brad Ott '71, the principal at Morrisonville Elementary School where one of the scholars is fulfilling her community service. "We benefit, the school kids get better attention, and the college students are getting invaluable experience. We intend to be a part of this for years to come."

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## Inaugural Distinguished Quebec Address Nov. 8

Philippe Couillard, the minister of health and social services in the Government of Quebec, will be the first speaker in the Inaugural Distinguished Quebec Address on Monday, Nov. 8.

The address, which is open to the campus and community, will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall in Hawkins Hall.

Sponsored by the Institute on Quebec Studies, Couillard will speak on "Public Health Care in Quebec: A Model for North America."

Couillard was awarded a doctor-

ate in medicine from the Université de Montréal at the age of 22 and became a certified neurosurgeon at 28. By the time he was 32, he was the head surgeon in the Department of Neurosurgery at the Hôpital Saint-Luc.

Actively involved in his medical practice as well as in teaching and medical administration, Couillard was a co-founder of the Department of Neurosurgery in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. He has also served as a member of the Council and of the Health and Public Policy Committee of the Royal College of Physicians and

Surgeons of Canada.

As an active member of the Department of Surgery of the Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke, he served as coordinator of scientific activities for the Department of Surgery of the Centre universitaire de santé de l'Estrie, was co-representative of the Quebec Association of Neuro-Surgeons and of the Federation of Medical Specialists of Québec, and was an elected member of the James IV Association of Surgeons in 2002.

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## Technology Fee Helps Fund Important Projects

The technology fee that students at SUNY Plattsburgh pay every semester is the largest funding contributor for technology projects across campus.

According to Cerise Oberman, dean of Library and Information Services, each year her office solicits requests from academic departments for their technological needs that focus directly on the curriculum.

"We encourage faculty in the various departments to submit grants and proposals based on the needs of their curriculum," she said. "Once we receive these requests, we consult the deans to ensure which ones should be given priority. Then, we look at the availability of funding."

This is where the technology fees that students pay become crucial. This year, the Office of Library and Information Services will spend \$450,000 for projects across campus.

"The money that we get as a result of the student technology fee is used to fund projects like the smart classrooms, the computer kiosks available in the various department buildings, smart carts for classroom use and the constant upgrading of our computer labs," said Oberman.

She added, "In addition, we have large projects like the upgrading of the computer science, biology, chemistry, voice speech and music labs, the purchasing of new

digital cameras for the adolescent/health education department and the provision of a new photography lab in the Myers Fine Arts Building. We are also providing an expansion of computer stations plus software upgrades for the graphic design lab. All these technology projects will be implemented over a 12-month period."

Because the funding is being used to support these projects, the library and information services office welcomes student input about how that money is spent. An advisory board comprised of students and faculty provides advice about fees and the needs of students.

Oberman believes that the projects funded by the technology fee are very beneficial to both faculty and students of Plattsburgh State.

"The funded projects provide the necessary integration that students need to succeed," she said. "We have to prepare students with the knowledge of software, hardware and programs that they will need for real world experience. These projects help Plattsburgh State to attract new students while it helps our current students to achieve their goals once they graduate."

Presently, fulltime Plattsburgh State students pay \$125 per semester for technology fees while part time students pay \$10 per credit hour.

-- Kimone Joseph, PR intern

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## Community Scholars (Continued from Page 1)

This year's 13 scholarship recipients are performing community service at numerous service agencies in the Plattsburgh area.

**Nicholas Ancrum**, from Staten Island, N.Y. and an international business major, plays board games, does puzzles and assists with arts and crafts activities with children of all ages at the John Collins Center.

**Cory Burton**, from Fort Edward, N.Y. and a business administration major, is working at the Head Start Program in Ward Hall.

**Matthew Clemons**, from Peru, N.Y. and a nursing major, is administering patient surveys, filing and performing other office duties at CVPH Medical Center. Since Clemons is a nursing major, he is looking forward to the opportunities volunteering at CVPH will offer him.

**Latisha Franklin**, from Peru, N.Y. and a medical technology/biology major, is working at Morrisonville Elementary School assisting in several classrooms. She works with the children one-on-one, helping with homework and other individual assignments.

**Justin Friedman**, from New City,

N.Y. and a history major, is volunteering for the City of Plattsburgh teaching sports such as basketball, soccer and gymnastics to children between the ages of three- and six-years old.

**Kim Garrison**, from Palatine Bridge, N.Y. and an education major, is assisting with "Stop Domestic Violence Month" through the Office for Violence Prevention at SUNY Plattsburgh. She is also working at the Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion, assisting with various projects on campus.

**Joshua Hough**, from Waddington, N.Y. and a secondary education major, serves at the YMCA Afterschool Program at Momot Elementary School. He serves as an afterschool counselor and helps coordinate and implement recreational activities for third through fifth-graders.

**Morgan Jeschawitz**, from Watertown, N.Y. and a communication disorders major, is working as a volunteer in the Wobbler Room in Sibley Hall.

**Gabrielle Kronyak**, from Ogdensburg, N.Y. and a social work major, is working with the JCEO Big

Buddy Program and works on the program's newsletter.

**Dan McIlrath**, from Sandy Hook, Conn. and an international business major, is working at CVPH Medical Center in various departments and is assisting with general office duties.

**Brenna Merry**, from Homer, N.Y. and an elementary/special education major, is working with the pre-school room in Sibley Hall.

**Jennifer Newman**, from Marlboro, N.Y. and a communications major, is working at CVPH Medical Center in various departments, performing assorted office duties.

**Sarah Samson**, from Pembroke, ONT. and a social work major, works with clients of the Traumatic Brain Injury Center in Beaumont Hall at SUNY Plattsburgh State. She helps to implement and participate in group activities.

Garrison said that the Community Service Scholarship Program has provided her a fantastic experience.

"This is definitely the opportunity of a lifetime," said Garrison. "I wouldn't trade it for anything."



## SUNY Plattsburgh Delegation Visits Algeria

Dr. Mohamed Djerdjouri, Dr. Nancy Church, Dr. Ray Guydosh, Dr. Mohamed Gaber and Dr. Kevin O'Neill, all faculty members in the School of Business and Economics, recently traveled to Algeria to visit the SBE's international partner institution, the Institut National de Commerce (INC) in Algiers.

The trip was supported by a U.S. Agency for International Development/ U.S. Department of State two-year grant awarded to Djerdjouri.

The SUNY Plattsburgh professors participated in a number of activities while in Algeria. The delegation was officially welcomed by faculty, staff and students of the INC in Algiers at a reception and a meeting. The group had the opportunity to visit the U.S Embassy in Algiers where they met with U.S. Ambassador to Algeria, Richard W. Erdman.

The group also visited the University of Science and Technology in Algiers, where they met the president of the university, Dr. Benzaghoul and attended a reception with students and faculty.

The SUNY Plattsburgh group, accompanied by colleagues from the INC, flew to Ghardaia, a state in the



**From left to right: Dr. Kevin O'Neill, Dr. Mohamed Djerdjouri, Ambassador Richard Erdman, Dr. Nancy Church, Dr. Mohamed Gaber and Dr. Ray Guydosh.**

South of Algeria where the INC has a campus. The group then visited the INC campus in Metlili where they met with faculty members and staff. Also a reception to welcome the delegation was organized by the mayor of the city who is also a professor at the INC Metlili campus.

Upon returning to Algiers, the team conducted a workshop facilitated by O'Neill, titled, "Strategic Planning: Developing a Vision and Goals for Your Organization." Managers of Algerian companies, INC faculty and students were in attendance.

The delegation also had the opportunity to visit the Ministry of Finance where they met with high-

ranking officials to talk about the partnership project.

Dr. Nancy Church gave a presentation titled, "Franchising as a Business Model: Opportunities in Algeria." Students, faculty and guests from the business community attended the seminar.

The SUNY Plattsburgh delegation visited the newspaper, *El-Watan*, the largest French language independent newspaper in Algeria. They were given a tour of the facility and met with the editor of the newspaper. The newspaper published an article on the visit of the American delegation to Algeria.

On the last day of its tour in Algeria, the delegation visited the Ministry of Higher Education and also met with the Minister of Energy and Mines.

"Overall, this was a very fruitful visit, which allowed the SUNY Plattsburgh faculty members to learn about the partner institution in Algeria, the Algerian higher education system as well as the Algerian culture," said Djerdjouri. "This journey will strengthen the promising relationship between the two institutions and lay the ground for a more productive second year of the partnership project."

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## Owens Appointed to the College Council

William L. Owens has been appointed by Governor George Pataki to the College Council at SUNY Plattsburgh.

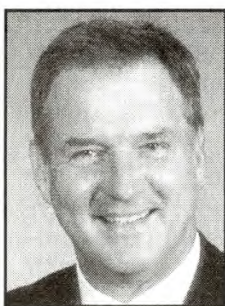
Owens was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Robert Garrow, who stepped down from the College Council last February. Owens will serve a term through June 2007.

"I'm delighted to become part of an organization which has such important work to do in the North Country and has such a significant impact on so many aspects of our lives," said Owens.

On behalf of the College Council, Arnold Amell, acting chair of the council, said that he is pleased with the appointment of Owens.

"Mr. Owens' background and expertise in business law will be a valuable asset to the College Council," said Amell. "He is a strong supporter of Plattsburgh State and is a leader in the North Country."

Owens is a partner in the Plattsburgh and Albany offices of the Harris Beach LLP law firm, formerly



**Owens**

known as Stafford, Trombley, Owens and Curtin, P.C., where he has been a partner since 1982.

He is a member of the Harris Beach LLP Management Committee and is a general practice lawyer with an emphasis on business law, the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, international transactions, not-for-profit corporations and tax and commercial matters.

Prior to that, Owens served as a tax consultant at Telling and Potter, C.P.A., in Plattsburgh.

He has served in the Judge Advocates Office with the United States Air Force and was also a member of the tax and audit staff for Price Waterhouse and Company.

From 1978 to 1985, Owens was a business law instructor at SUNY Plattsburgh. He also taught business law at Alpena Community College in Michigan.

He received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Manhattan College in Bronx, N.Y. and graduated in the top half of his class from Fordham University Law School in New York, N.Y.

Owens and his wife, Jane, have three children and currently reside in Plattsburgh.



# Student Profile: Introducing Baier Rakowski

When it comes to making the best of the Plattsburgh State experience, senior biochemistry major Baier Rakowski certainly knows a thing or two. Rakowski is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) national leadership honor society and Phi Kappa Phi (FKF) national academic honor society.

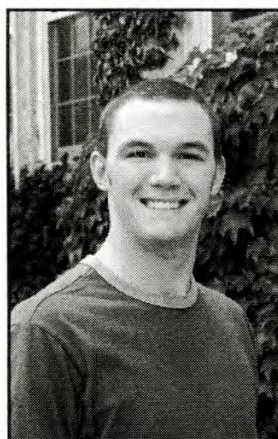
He is very active on campus. Apart from being a member of the chemistry club, Rakowski has been involved in undergraduate research in synthetic organic chemistry since his freshman year.

He has served as a teacher's assistant for honors seminars and chemistry courses and he is currently working on his senior honors thesis.

Despite his demanding schedule, Baier still finds time to enjoy the range of outdoor activities present in the Adirondack environment.

"I enjoy getting outdoors to have fun," said Rakowski. "Whether it means I have to go on foot, on wheel, in a car or on my own power, it is all the same when the sun is shining and I am smiling on my way to who knows where."

Rakowski believes that his Plattsburgh State education has had a major effect on his life.



**Rakowski**

"I feel that the relationships that I have made here with both students and faculty will prove priceless in the years to come," said Rakowski. "I have enjoyed every minute I have spent at Plattsburgh, and I wouldn't trade it for the world."

Rakowski said that his feelings toward SUNY Plattsburgh are mainly due to the relationships that members of faculty have with their students.

"I love the faculty here," he said. "In the chemistry department, it is like having a bunch of aunts and uncles who not only teach and have fun with me, but they offer sage advice on everything I ask. When I branch into other departments, I also find teachers who believe that their students come first."

It is this close interaction with the faculty that has allowed him to enjoy many of the courses he has taken at Plattsburgh. Some of his favorite classes include the honors seminars, chemistry, biology and the Adirondack Experience.

Rakowski's advice to students is that they should work in order to grow and succeed.

"I want students to work hard and work to learn," he said. "Even if they do not like what they are learning, they can still learn to love where that knowledge can take them."

Although he is unsure about life after graduation, Rakowski said he is confident that he is willing to apply himself to whatever endeavors he will chose.

-- Kimone Joseph, PR intern

## Quebec Address (Continued from Page 1)

Couillard also held the positions of head surgeon and director of the Department of Surgery at the Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke and was a professor at the Faculty of Medicine of the Université de Sherbrooke.

In April 2003, Couillard was elected a member of the Quebec Parliament to represent the Mont-Royal section of Montreal. He was subsequently named minister of health and social services under Quebec Premier Jean Charest.

Dr. Christopher Kirkey, the director of the Center for the Study of Canada, which oversees the Institute on Quebec Studies, said the Distinguished Quebec Address is one of several new initiatives being sponsored by the Institute.

"We are very pleased that Minister Couillard has agreed to speak at the inaugural Distinguished Quebec Address," said Kirkey. "This annual address is the premier program initiative of the

Institute on Quebec Studies and will feature prominent individuals from the public and private sector speaking on current Quebec social, cultural, business and political issues."

Established in February 2004, the Institute on Quebec Studies offers students a minor program in Quebec Studies. The 18-credit hour multidisciplinary program provide students with an intensive immersion in Quebec - including the completion of two full courses in French language instruction and.

In addition to the Distinguished Quebec Address, the Institute will also sponsor a number of other initiatives, including: Quebec Speakers Series, Quebec Scholar-in-Residence Program, Quebec Business Policy Forum, and a one-day annual celebration of Quebec - Celebrons Quebec!

The Institute will also coordinate numerous field trips, internship and scholarship opportunities for students interested in Quebec.

## Cron Lecture Nov. 15

The annual spring semester Cron Lecture Series on topics in religious studies has added an additional fall lecture this year.

Dr. Louis DeCaro, Jr., will visit the campus on Nov. 15 and 16. He will present a public lecture on the life of John Brown on Monday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.

On Tuesday, Nov. 16, DeCaro will lead a text study session on an unfinished John Brown speech at 12:30 p.m. at the Newman Center.

DeCaro is the author of *Fire from the Midst of You: A Religious Life of John Brown*. Copies of the book will be available at the College Store and at the lecture and text study session.

He has also written two other books -- *On the Side of My People: A Religious Life of Malcolm X* and *Malcolm and the Cross: The Nation of Islam, Malcolm X and Christianity*.

For more information, contact Robert Harsh at 564-2293.



## Annual SEFA Campaign Underway

The annual State Employees Federated Appeal (SEFA) Campaign is underway at SUNY Plattsburgh. This year's campaign, "Make Your Mark," is co-chaired by Peter Luguri, assistant vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, and Marlyn Cotter in the accounting office. They will be assisted this year by Lois Otis, keyboard specialist in the Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism. The goal for this year's campaign is \$47,500 and will end on Dec. 3.

SEFA is the only authorized charitable solicitation of state employees. SEFA is a federated campaign, meaning that a variety of health, human services, environmental and advocacy federations and agencies participate. State employees may give through payroll deduction or by a cash or check gift.

"SUNY Plattsburgh attempts to instill in its graduates the importance of civic responsibility and 'giving something back.'" said Luguri. "SEFA is an avenue for our faculty, staff and administrators to model that behavior."

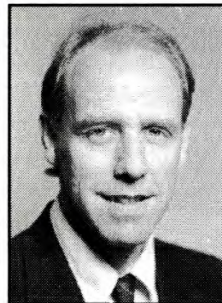


This year's annual Black Poetry Day featured a talk by poet A. Van Jordan. Born in Akron, Ohio, Jordan received his master's of fine arts from the MFA Program for Writers at Warren Wilson College in North Carolina. His first book, *Rise*, won the PEN/Oakland Josephine Miles Award and was a selection of the Academy of American Poets book club. In his book, *M-A-C-N-O-L-I-A*, he wrote a suite of poems that imagine the life of MacNolia Cox, the first black finalist in the National Spelling Bee Competition. In this book, Jordan uses a variety of voices to portray Cox's life. The poems draw on blues, jazz and prose stylings to depict racism and the Depression, two elements that framed life in 1936. Jordan is an assistant professor of English at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Black Poetry Day was sponsored by College Auxiliary Services, Office of the President, Student Activities/Multicultural Affairs, the Office of the Dean of Arts and Science, the campus chapter of the N.A.A.C.P., the Writer's Institute of New York and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission. In addition, this event was funded in part by Poets & Writers, Inc. through a grant received from the New York State Council on the Arts.

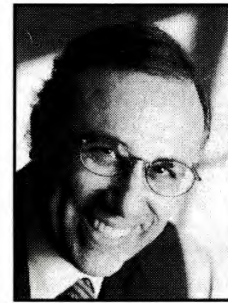
## Spotlight on faculty and staff

**Dr. Robert Christopherson**, associate professor and chair of economics and finance, and **Dr. Greg Gregoriou**, assistant professor of economics and finance, co-authored a paper, "Short-Sellers: The Neglected Breed," published in the *Journal of Pensions Management*. This article examines the strategy of "shorting" either overvalued stocks or currencies hoping they will decrease in value. This strategy has been highly successful four of the last five years.

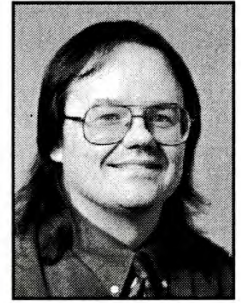
**Jeff Hornibrook**, associate professor of history, attended this year's first meeting of the Expanding East Asian Studies (ExEAS) Program at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia University earlier this fall. This teaching collaborative, which was funded by a grant from the Freeman Foundation, brings faculty from various disciplines and colleges and universities together with post-doctoral fellows to develop innovative materials for the teaching of East Asian studies. He also recently presented a paper at the 53rd annual meeting of the Midwest Asian Affairs Conference



**Christopherson**



**Gregoriou**



**Hornibrook**

in Minneapolis, Minn. His paper, "This Land Was Your Land, This Land is Now Our Land: Laying the Groundwork for a Mechanized Coalmine in the Late Qing," examined early 20th century land contacts between local mine holders and imperial officials. These documents were collected on a trip to China that was funded by a Presidential Research Award Hornibrook received in 2001.



# FOCUS Calendar

Friday, Oct. 29 - Saturday, Nov. 13

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

## FRIDAY, OCT. 29

**9:30 a.m.** Counselor Education Admissions Day, sponsored by the Department of Counselor Education. Admission \$3, payable at the door. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

**4 p.m.** ODK Membership Meetings. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**7 p.m.** Week of Empathy Comedian, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**7:30 p.m.** Media That Matters Travelling Film Festival, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

**8 p.m.** STOP Domestic Violence Discussions, sponsored by NAACP. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

## SATURDAY, OCT. 30

**9 a.m.** Defensive Driving Course, sponsored by the SA Student Services Board, open to SA Members only. Registration Fee: \$25, payable at the SA Office, Angell Center room 203. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**1 p.m.** Dance-A-Thon, sponsored by the JEDI Dance Organization. Tickets: \$3 advance sale, \$4 at the door, on sale at the Angell Center Desk beginning September 20, 2004. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**6 p.m.** Talent Showcase, sponsored by the PSU Gospel Choir. Tickets: \$3 SA, \$5 general admission, on sale at the Angell College Center Desk. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

**8 p.m.** Samhain Party, sponsored by the Pagan Wiccan Alliance. Admission: \$2, payable at the door. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

**10 p.m.** PSU Late Night

presents Comedian - Andy Vastola, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.

## SUNDAY, OCT. 31

**5 p.m.** Alive at Five, sponsored by Protestant Campus Ministry. Angell College Center Meeting Room 4.

**5 p.m.** Halloween Bash Concert, sponsored by WQKE. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

## TUESDAY, NOV. 2

**12:15 p.m.** President's Council Meeting, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

**4:30 p.m.** Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**7 p.m.** Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Amnesty Room.

**8 p.m.** Movie Night (Hispanic Heritage Month), sponsored by El Pueblo. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3

**2 p.m.** Career Development Center Fall Workshops, presents Applying to Graduate Schools. Sponsored by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**7 p.m.** Pi Sigma Alpha Election Discussion, sponsored by Political Science Department. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**7 p.m.** NAACP Affirmative Action Day. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**7 p.m.** Faculty Panel Discussion Series, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

## THURSDAY, NOV. 4

**8 a.m.** Explore Gerontology

Conference, sponsored by College Auxiliary Services. Angell Center Warren Ballrooms.

**10 a.m.** Career Development Center Fall Workshops, presents Creating Resumes and Cover Letters. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**12 p.m.** Lunch with a Leader "Leading by Example", sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**7 p.m.** SOUL Food Movie Productions, sponsored by SOUL. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**7:30 p.m.** International Guest Speaker on Spiritual Maturity, sponsored by Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. Yokum Hall 202.

**9 p.m.** Academic Affairs Board Meeting, sponsored by SA Academic Affairs Board. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

## FRIDAY, NOV. 5

**7 p.m.** Evolution of Dance Performance, sponsored by JEDI Club. Angell Center Warren Ballrooms.

## SATURDAY, NOV. 6

**1:30 p.m.** International Guest Speaker on Spiritual Maturity, sponsored by Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. Yokum Hall 202.

**3 p.m.** Cantus Workshop, sponsored by the Music Department. Tickets: General \$2, Plattsburgh State Students FREE. Tickets will be sold at the Angell Center Desk and at the door. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

**8 p.m.** Evolution of Dance Performance, sponsored by JEDI Club. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**10 p.m.** Jedi Dance Production After Party, sponsored by JEDI Club. Angell College Center

Cardinal Lounge.

**10 p.m.** PSU Late Night presents John Zaffis, Ghost Hunter, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.

## SUNDAY, NOV. 4

**12 p.m.** Dance Workshop - History of Dance, sponsored by JEDI Club. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**3 p.m.** Cantus Concert, "Wine and Women in Song" Alumnus Tom McNichols performs with his professional male vocal chamber ensemble Cantus. Tickets \$15 General, \$12 Faculty/Staff/Seniors/Students, \$5 Plattsburgh State Students. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

**5 p.m.** Alive at Five, sponsored by Protestant Campus Ministry. Angell College Center Meeting Room 4.

## MONDAY, NOV. 8

**3 p.m.** Career Development Center Fall Workshops, presents Delivering a Dynamic Interview. Sponsored by the Career Development Center. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**9 p.m.** Panel Discussion, sponsored by NAACP. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

## TUESDAY, NOV. 9

**11 a.m.** CVPH Blood Drive, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.

**12 p.m.** New Member Workshops, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Amnesty Room.

**12:30 p.m.** Service Learning Workshop, sponsored by Center for Service Learning & Volunteerism. Angell College Center Meeting Room 3.

**4:30 p.m.** Monthly Faculty Senate Meeting. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

**8 p.m.** Movie Night



(Hispanic Heritage Month), sponsored by El Pueblo. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

### **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10**

**8 a.m.** Conference: Reactive Attachment Disorder. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**9 a.m.** Geocoding and Data Improvement Workshop, sponsored by Earth & Environmental Science Department. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**12 p.m.** Committee on Greek Affairs. Angell Center Meeting Room 1.

**7:30 p.m.** Visual Artist Series, sponsored by Campus Arts Council. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**7:30 p.m.** Diversity Enlightenment, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**8 p.m.** Win-A-Date Game Show For Women's Cardiac Care, sponsored by Alpha Phi. Angell College Center Point Snack Bar.

**8 p.m.** Incorruptible, Main stage comedy by Michael Hollinger, directed by Ken

Roberts. Tickets available at the Angell College Center or at the door. General \$10, Faculty/Staff/Students \$7, Plattsburgh State Students \$2. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

**8 p.m.** Choral Fest Concert, sponsored by the Music Department with directors Timothy Morningstar and Bill Verity. Cardinal Singers, Minor Adjustments, College Chorale, and Men's Ensemble perform. Tickets: \$2 SA Members, \$5 faculty/staff, \$8 general admission, on sale at the Angell Center Desk and at the door. Hawkins Hall, Giltz Auditorium.

### **THURSDAY, NOV. 11**

**12:15 p.m.** Greek Advisors Meeting, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Amnesty Room.

**2 p.m.** Career Development Center Fall Workshops, presents Developing a Job Portfolio. Kehoe 6th Fl. Board Room.

**8 p.m.** Incorruptible, Comedy. Main stage play by Michael Hollinger, directed by Ken Roberts. Tickets available at the

Angell College Center or at the door. General \$10, Faculty/Staff/Students \$7, Plattsburgh State Students \$2. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

**9 p.m.** Academic Affairs Board Meeting, sponsored by SA Academic Affairs Board. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

### **FRIDAY, NOV. 12**

**4 p.m.** ODK Membership Meetings, sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**8 p.m.** Incorruptible, Main stage comedy play by Michael Hollinger, directed by Ken Roberts. Tickets available at the Angell College Center or at the door. General \$10, Faculty/Staff/Students \$7, Plattsburgh State Students \$2. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

**8 p.m.** Symphonic Band Concert, sponsored by the Music Department. This concert is free of charge and open to all. Hawkins Hall, Giltz Auditorium.

### **SATURDAY, NOV. 13**

**8 a.m.** WQKE Starve-A-

Thon Fundraiser for Food Shelf. Angell College Center Amite Plaza.

**9:30 a.m.** Fall Open House, sponsored by Admission's Office. Angell College Center.

**10 a.m.** Annual Fall Arts and Crafts Fair, featuring over 150 artisans from New York and Vermont. Admission: Free for SA Members, \$2 general admission with children under 12 free of charge. Field House, Indoor Track/Gymnasium.

**2 p.m.** Alpha Sigma Lambda Induction, sponsored by Student Affairs & Enrollment Management. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**5 p.m.** Saturday Night Drag Show Spectacular, sponsored by SOUL. Angell Center Warren Ballrooms.

**8 p.m.** Incorruptible, Comedy-Main Stage play by Michael Hollinger, directed by Ken Roberts. Tickets available at the Angell College Center or at the door. General \$10, Faculty/Staff/Students \$7, Plattsburgh State Students \$2. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

## **French Club Aims to Enhance Appreciation for Education and Culture**

Although learning a new language can be challenging, it can also present an exciting opportunity for students to experience a new culture. This is the primary message that the French Club at SUNY Plattsburgh tries to share with the campus community.

According to the club's president, Heather Odell, a senior French major from Lake George, N.Y., the group has been on campus for quite some time.

"Although we have been around for a few years, the members believe that it is time we expand the club and become more active on campus," said Odell. "This is why we want to encourage students to come and find out what we are all about."

Odell said the club aims to provide students with more than just exposure to the French language.

"There are times when we conduct our meetings entirely in French. This helps students to practice what they have been learning in their classes," She said. "Yet the club is about more than just the language. It exposes students to both French culture and the cultures of countries throughout the Francophone world from Martinique to Haiti to Senegal."

The French Club plans several activities throughout the academic year. Some of these include trips to Montreal and Quebec City and French movie nights on alternate Wednesdays. The next movie is scheduled for



**Heather Odell and Terri Marrama**

Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in 206 Yokum Hall.

Terri Marrama, a senior French major from Malone, N.Y., is the vice president of the French Club. Marrama said the club is open to all students on this campus.

"Students do not have to be French majors or fluent in the language to be part of the club," she said. "We are a Student Association organization, and we encourage students from all majors to be part of the French Club."

The Plattsburgh State French Club meets every Tuesday at 5:45 p.m. in the first floor lounge of Champlain Valley Hall. The club's advisor is Dr. Marie Cusson, assistant professor in the foreign language and literature department.

-- Kimone Joseph, PR intern



## Several Special Awards Presented During Homecoming 2004

By all accounts, Homecoming 2004 was a huge success. From the martini night at Samuel D's and the fabulous fireworks, to the 1954 Golden Anniversary Champaign Brunch and Interactive Homecoming Dinner Theater, alumni, faculty, staff, students and community members enjoyed the weekend filled with festivities.

More than 50 alumni returned from the Class of 1954 to celebrate their Golden Anniversary. The group not only enjoyed their brunch on Saturday, but was also treated to a reception at the President's Home.



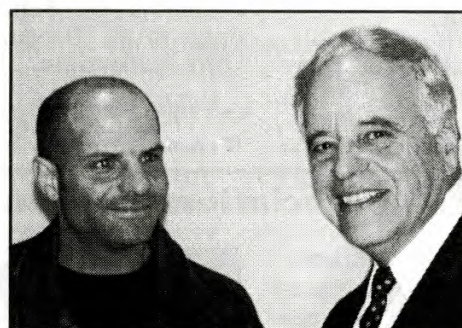
**Bernard "Ace" Watkins '54**



**President John Ettling with Grace Reese '59**



**Robert Garrow '52 with Anna Marie Grasberger Kelly '54**



**Joseph DeSalvo '89 with Dr. David Mowry.**

Several special awards were presented during Homecoming 2004, including the Robert M. Garrow Alumni Service Award. Garrow '52 was the first recipient of this award in 2000. As a special honor bestowed upon Garrow by the Alumni Board of Directors for all that he has done in service to SUNY Plattsburgh, the Alumni Service Award was named in his honor.

The two recipients this year of the Robert M. Garrow Alumni Service Award were Bernard "Ace" Watkins '54 and Anna Marie Grasberger Kelly '54. They were nominated by Rose Anderson '95, director of alumni affairs.

The service award recognizes and honors graduates who have demonstrated outstanding service to their profession and community in keeping with the traditions of SUNY Plattsburgh.

Two members of the SUNY Plattsburgh family received the Faculty/Staff Impact Award during Homecoming 2004.

Grace Reese '59 is a former international student advisor. She served in that position for 15 years, from 1959 to 1974. She was nominated for the award by Dr. Koon Yan (Chris) Pak '74 and Xu Xi (Sussy Komala) '74.

Dr. David Mowry, director of the Honor's Program and distinguished teaching professor of philosophy, also received the Faculty/Staff Impact Award. He was nominated for the award by a group of former student leaders in the Honor's Program.

The Faculty/Staff Impact Award is presented to faculty or staff members, current or retired, who have had a major and lasting positive impact on the life of alumni.

## Cantus to Perform in Concert, Host Workshop

The Music Department, in association with Hill and Hollow Music, will host the professional male vocal chamber ensemble Cantus in concert on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 3 p.m. in E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium of Hawkins Hall.

Cantus is dedicated to exalting the human spirit through the performance of innovative and engaging musical programs. Thomas McNichols, a 2002 SUNY Plattsburgh alumnus, sings bass in the ensemble.

Cantus will charm and delight the audience with songs and odes to love. The first half of the program will feature works by Henry Purcell, Randall Thompson and Bedrich

Smetana. The second half will explore the diverse repertoire for which Cantus is well known. This includes spiritual arrangements from around the world.

Tickets are \$5 for Plattsburgh State students, \$12 for faculty, staff, seniors and students and \$15 for general admission. Tickets are available in advance through the Hartman Theater Box Office or at the door. For more information, contact the Hartman Theater Box Office at (518) 546-2283.

The Music Department will also host a workshop featuring Cantus on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 3 p.m. in the E Glenn Giltz Auditorium in

Hawkins Hall.

Cantus members will share ideas with the Cardinal Singers, Minor Adjustments and the SUNY Plattsburgh Men's Ensemble. This is in preparation for the department's Choral Fest Concert on Wednesday, Nov. 10.

Admission for the workshop is free for Plattsburgh State students and \$2 for the general public. Tickets will be available in advance at the Angell College Center desk or at the door.

For further information, contact the SUNY Plattsburgh Music Department at (518) 564-2180.

-- Kimone Joseph, PR intern



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## ALEPH Debuts as New Library Management System

As of January 2005, SUNY Plattsburgh will no longer be using its present library system. Multilis, which was implemented 10 years ago, will be replaced by ALEPH.

SUNY System Administration identified the need for a common library management software for its 64 campuses. ALEPH, a library management system made by EXLibris, won the bid based on its ability to provide the features most needed in the State University system. This new online public access catalog will be part of SUNY Connect, a library program that works to share resources and services efficiently throughout the SUNY system.

Cerise Oberman, dean of library and information services, said the new system will present many advantages for both students and faculty of the College.

"This will allow students and faculty to search multiple catalogs across SUNY, as well as a combined SUNY catalog," said Oberman. "This will bring the resources of the entire SUNY system to our campus. In addition, students and faculty will be able to borrow materials directly from other campuses through patron-initiated interlibrary loans. ALEPH will work like a one-stop



**Students use the computers available in the Feinberg Library.**

shop."

Nancy Hoshlyk, the coordinator of ALEPH who is assisted by systems librarian Karen Volkman, said there is still background work that has to be completed before the new system can be implemented.

*(See ALEPH, Page 4)*

## Passing the Passion<sup>sm</sup> Benefit Concert Dec. 5

SUNY Plattsburgh will be hosting a unique Passing the Passion<sup>sm</sup> Benefit Concert and two gala receptions on Sunday, Dec. 5. All proceeds will benefit the \$2.5 million restoration of the historic Strand Theatre undergoing work in downtown Plattsburgh.

The concert will feature internationally renowned Guarneri String Quartet Violinist Arnold Steinhardt, who teaches at The Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and is highly honored among musicians; and Helena Baillie, the 26-year-old European discovery, who was cho-

sen to perform at the 2001 memorial service for legend Isaac Stern at Carnegie Hall. She has been honored with many U.S. and European awards, including the top prize for the player possessing the most beautiful tone at the 2003 International Lionel Tertis Competition and the Bärenreiter prize at the 2004 Munich ARB Competition. Baillie recently joined the Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester in Berlin and began playing her first concerts with the orchestra this fall.

They will be accompanied by Israeli pianist David Greilsammer,

the First Prize Winner at the Julliard Concerto Competition 2004. Greilsammer is scheduled to appear with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra this month performing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 3. He has been regularly invited to perform in prestigious music festivals under leading conductors of his day.

The announcement was made by Jo Ellen Miano, chair of the music department. Commenting on the events, Miano said, "This will be one of the most exciting musical

*(See Passing the Passion, Page 2)*

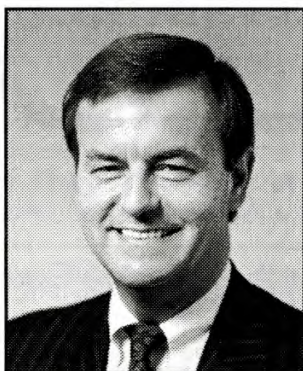


## William Laundry to Remain Interim Vice President Through 2006

William Laundry, interim vice president for student affairs at SUNY Plattsburgh, has agreed to remain in his current role through the 2005-06 academic year. The announcement was made by John Ettling, president of Plattsburgh State.

Laundry was originally scheduled to serve through the end of the current academic year. However, Ettling said he asked Laundry to remain on for an additional year after having had the chance to work with him the past four months.

"Bill took over the role as interim vice president in September 2003 and has done a marvelous job overseeing this important division. I appreciate his



**Laundry**

commitment to the students. The vice presidents and directors have confirmed my impressions of him during the short time I have been here. They are just as enthusiastic about him as I am," said Ettling.

"Bill's continued leadership in student affairs will afford me the opportunity to continue to settle in to my new position and to evaluate the many needs of the campus and direction for the coming years."

Laundry came to Plattsburgh State in 1969 as director of housing.

He was promoted to director of residence life in 1976 and then director of campus life in 1980. He served as dean of students from 1996 to 2003 and was promoted to associate vice president for student affairs June 30 of last year.

Laundry is involved in many college-wide committees and community organizations.

He holds a bachelor's and a master's degree from SUNY Albany.

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### *Passing the Passion (Continued from Page 1)*

gatherings of our time: not only the pairing of the most exciting up-and-coming European violist/violinist and her renowned American teacher, but truly a joyous celebration of great music.

"It also will be an exceptional evening designed to deeply touch the hearts and minds of its audience, young and not so young, which is the cornerstone of the concept for the Passing the Passion<sup>SM</sup> concerts created and developed by The Lewis Foundation. Committed to education and to reaching listeners of all ages with great music, Passing the Passion<sup>SM</sup> concerts will sponsor musicians who will perform for the newest as well as the most sophisticated listeners. We believe that this Passing the Passion<sup>SM</sup> concept truly can change the world, one child at a time, through inspirational moments in music."

The concert will begin at 3 p.m. in the College's E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium of Hawkins Hall. The hall's 780 reserved seats are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and free for students 17 and under.

"In addition," Miano noted, "the Benefit offers a festive \$55 champagne reception for guests at 1:30 p.m. prior to the concert, which includes a seat at the musical event. Later, a very special treat with the three featured concert artists, a \$125 post-concert candlelight reception

with hors d'oeuvres will be held at the home of Dr. John Ettling, president of SUNY Plattsburgh, and his wife, Lisa." The candlelight reception at the President's home will be limited to the first 125 paid guests.

"Since the Lewis Foundation also is covering all expenses connected with the concert, all proceeds from the benefit will go to support the restoration of the Strand Theatre, an exciting and important local community project being directed by the North Country Cultural Center for the Arts," Miano added. "This seminal event also celebrates SUNY Plattsburgh's commitment to college-community partnerships, which has been critical to the College's successful role in local communities."

Passing the Passion<sup>SM</sup> concerts are underwritten by The Lewis Foundation and the Lewis family. The Foundation was created in 1950 by Cy Lewis, then managing partner of the Wall Street firm Bear Stearns. Following Lewis' passing in 1978, the direction of the Foundation was assumed by his son, S. B. Lewis, who headed his own Wall Street arbitrage, investment and corporate advisory firm.

Lewis and his wife, Barbara, reside at their certified organic farm complex in Essex, N.Y., just south of Plattsburgh. The Lewis Foundation and the Lewis family, among their

other musical instrument holdings, own four rare stringed instruments, including the rarest of Stradivarius violins, which is known as the "Red Diamond."

According to Miano, "With an estimated current value of over \$4 million, this fabulous violin, which was crafted in 1732, has rarely been seen, let alone played in public performances, in decades, nor are there any compact disc recordings available of historical performances."

"What a treat to hear this rarest of sounds, certainly among the most beautiful among all violins crafted during the Golden Age in Cremona, Italy. This is an instrument that demands the most talented of artists to control its potential power. To witness this young woman tame its extraordinary musical power is awe-inspiring. Anyone ever listening to this violin will never forget the magical musical experience emanating from this one-of-a-kind instrument of unmatched beauty," said Miano.

In addition to the "Red Diamond," Baillie also will perform on a rare viola crafted by Carlo Tononi in Bologna in approximately 1690.

For more information, contact Jo Ellen Miano at 564-2472 or the Music Department at 564-2180.

Passing the Passion<sup>SM</sup> is the service mark of The Lewis Foundation.



# Ethics Institute Fellows for the Fall Semester

The Institute for Ethics in Public Life welcomed three new fellows this semester: Dr. Tracie Church-Guzzio, assistant professor of English; Tim Palkovic, professor of theatre; and Dr. William Teter, associate professor of computer science.

While a fellow at the Institute, Church-Guzzio is interested in looking at the ways in which African Americans responded, and continue to respond, ethically to slavery and to racism.

"My concept of a 'blues ethic' develops out of this concern," said Church-Guzzio. "In the midst of the cultural domination of slavery and white supremacy, African Americans established an expressive culture of music, poetry, dance, sermons and satires that politically and spiritually engaged them, offered practical advice on surviving their situation and argued for social justice and equality. A 'blues ethic' not only investigates these characteristics historically, it also provides a code of conduct for the contemporary, multicultural world."

Church-Guzzio is enjoying her time as a fellow at the Institute.



**Left to right: Tim Palkovic, Dr. Tracie Church-Guzzio and Dr. William Teter.**

"One of the reasons I wanted to be a fellow was to engage and interact with other professors and scholars on campus outside of the usual committee meetings," Church-Guzzio said.

Palkovic wanted to be a fellow at the Institute in order to gain a new perspective on his work in theatre.

"I have discovered that my interests in the theatre have always revolved around ethical issues," said Palkovic. "In the field of ethics, case studies are the examples of ethical principles in action. In theatre, the plays are the case studies. In the theatre, we do not attempt to solve but attempt to present moral and

ethical issues."

He has also enjoyed his semester as a fellow.

"This experience has given me renewed confidence in addressing the ethical issues that drama addresses," said Palkovic. "I will feel more grounded in discussing ethics because we have studied various systems. This gives me tools to address issues with students."

While a Fellow at the Institute, Teter is working on a project that will provide computer science students the opportunity to become engaged in the local community through service activity that makes use of their computing expertise.

"I believe that ethical behavior must be developed through practice and reflection. So the activities that I am planning have components of both," he said.

Teter has welcomed the time at the Institute to explore ideas that have been in his mind for years.

"Our weekly sessions enable us to explore ideas -- political and ethical -- for an extended period with passion and humor. Opportunities such as these are rare," said Teter.

## Celebration of Scholarship Begins Inauguration Countdown

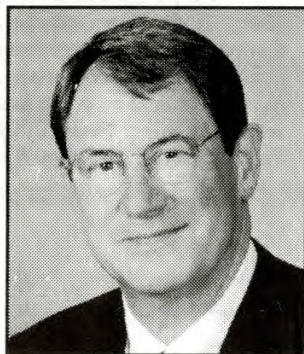
The Celebration of Scholarship is the first of several events under the theme leading up to the inauguration on April 16, 2005 for John Ettling, the 10th president.

The third Celebration of Scholarship, which honors the scholarly accomplishments of SUNY Plattsburgh's academic and professional staff, will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 17 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the main lobby on the second floor of Feinberg Library. President Ettling and Provost Robert Golden will speak at the event.

One of the premier campus-community partnership events celebrating Ettling's inauguration is the Passing of the Passion concert on Sunday, Dec. 5. (See story, page 1.)

Several events will also be held under the inaugural theme in the coming months.

These include Showcase Week, April 11 - 16.



**Ettling**

Showcase Week will once again offer the opportunity to highlight the quality of student work at SUNY Plattsburgh to members of the academic community and to the broader North Country region.

The Senior Art Show in April will also be a part of the events celebrating the inauguration.

"The momentum is beginning to pick up on the inauguration," said Keith Tyo, executive assistant to the president and co-coordinator for the inauguration. "A number of events to celebrate the beginning of a new chapter in the College's history will be held throughout the next five months. The festivities will include a mix of major events already on the College's calendar and a number of other programs created specifically to highlight the themes of the inaugural celebration."

SUNY Chancellor Robert King will attend the inauguration ceremony along with presidents of a number of SUNY Campuses and independent colleges.

The inauguration ceremony, which will follow the College's Open House that morning, will be open to the campus community and the general public. A number of other dignitaries will also be invited with a reception to follow the ceremony.



## Student Profile: Sherie Davis

From the moment she arrived at the SUNY Plattsburgh in the fall 2002, Sherie M. Davis has been determined to succeed. Davis, a senior cellular biochemistry major from the Commonwealth of Dominica, is an active member of the Plattsburgh State community.

She is a resident assistant in Harrington Hall and a student ambassador. Davis works as a biology and chemistry tutor at the Claude J. Clark Learning Center and the Educational Opportunity Program. She has served as a chemistry teaching assistant, does undergraduate research and is part of the Chemistry Club. Davis is a member of the Honors Student Association, Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) national leadership honors society and Phi Eta Sigma national freshman honors society. In addition to all these activities, Davis still finds the time to have fun with her sisters of Alpha Phi sorority.

According to Davis, the decision to travel so far away from home to attend college was not an easy one.

"At first, I was very skeptical about leaving the Caribbean region," she said. "However, the recruiters made me feel that Plattsburgh State could be a comfortable second home for me. When I came here, I found that the community was warm, friendly and very interested in getting to know international students."

Davis believes that a large part of this welcoming attitude at SUNY Plattsburgh is due to the way professors interact with their students. One professor who has made her transition to college easier is Dr. William Deustchman, assistant professor of chemistry.

"Dr. Deustchman is a wonderful professor," she said. "He loves to teach and students can easily tell. His genuinely love for what he does is infectious, and he is always prepared to go out of his way to help his students."

Because she enjoys research, some of Davis' favorite courses include genetics (BIO 305) and biochemistry (CHE 401). She also enjoys discussing current events in her honors classes.

Davis would like to encourage students to work hard.

"I am a firm believer that if students work hard enough for what they want, they will get it. There is nothing we cannot overcome if we want to succeed."

When she graduates, Davis hopes to move on to medical school to gain her master's and doctorate degrees and pursue a career in cancer research.

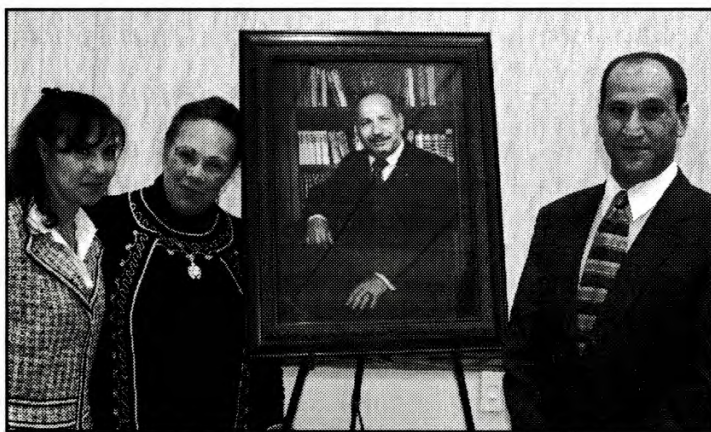
-- Kimone Joseph, PR intern



Davis



**The Employee Assistance Program Committee's Trick or Treat Initiative for the Plattsburgh Interfaith Food Shelf raised more than \$1,485 in monetary donations. Volunteers, dressed in costumes (above) helped with the collection of donations on Oct. 29 by going to offices on campus. The EAP Committee would like to thank all those who helped and those who gave donations.**



**The School of Business and Economics recently hosted a portrait unveiling ceremony and reception posthumously honoring Dr. Fouad El Taher, the founding member of the business program at SUNY Plattsburgh. El Taher served as the chairman of the Administrative Sciences and Economics Department, precursor to the School of Business and Economics, from 1969 to 1975. Special guests at the ceremony included Dr. El Taher's family. Above, left to right: Hanah El Taher (his daughter), Wedad El Taher (his wife) and Ahmed El Taher (his son).**

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"Presently, we are doing the ground work for ALEPH because there are gaps that need to be filled in order to make a smooth transition," she said.

Like Oberman, Hoshlyk is confident that the new system will be beneficial to Plattsburgh State.

"We will have easier access to more information," she said. "The flexibility of the system will permit us to add functionality more easily in the future. Our patrons both on campus and off will receive

resources to support their academic endeavors and informational needs."

According to Oberman, the implementation of ALEPH is certainly a step in the right direction for SUNY Plattsburgh.

"This shows that Plattsburgh State continues to be on the cutting edge of the provision of services and programs to students and faculty," she said. "We are working directly and collectively with other SUNY campuses to help our faculty teach

better and to ensure that our students receive a high level of education."

The ALEPH system will possess a new look. The interface will be easier to use and searching methods will allow quicker access to information.

Unlike Multilis, which has text and Web versions, ALEPH will have one version. It will be easily accessible through standard Web browsers and provide the same access to both on and off campus users.

-- Kimone Joseph, PR intern



## Sigma Tau Gamma First Five-Star Chapter at SUNY Plattsburgh

Although Sigma Tau Gamma (Sig Tau) fraternity, the Epsilon Lambda chapter, has had a relatively short history at SUNY Plattsburgh, the organization has proliferated on campus and in the community and is Plattsburgh State's first five-star chapter.

According to Sig Tau's president, Jason Carbone, a senior psychology and social work major from Syracuse, N.Y., the group prides itself on helping its members to achieve their goals.

"Our fraternity aims to hold young men up to a high standard by creating a community that helps individual members to develop both academically and socially," he said.

Sig Tau has strict policies against hazing and open parties and has a strong commitment to academics and community service. Almost a third of the 32 active brothers are resident assistants and over 80 percent of them are involved in other clubs and organizations.

Executive vice president of Sig Tau and Interfraternity Council president, Patrick Parker, a math and adolescence education major from Balston Spa, N.Y., believes that this type of involvement says a lot about the ideals of the fraternity.

"Our organization is determined to help shape future leaders who share the common principles of value, learning, leadership, excellence, benefit and integrity," said Parker.

Parker believes that Sig Tau's achievement as the first five-star chapter at Plattsburgh State serves as an example of positive Greek life.

"Sigma Tau Gamma exemplifies the true purpose of fraternities," he said. "Both the campus and the general community can attest to the fact that Greek life has improved dramatically and our fraternity has been instrumental as one of the organizations leading this change."

The organization has won numerous awards, including the Plattsburgh State President's Cup, campus



The brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma.

involvement awards and the Distinguished Chapter Award, which makes it one of the top five Sigma Tau Gamma chapters in the country.

Allison Swick-Duttine, coordinator of Greek Affairs and Leadership Development, attributes Sig Tau's success to the organization's dedication to excellence.

"Sigma Tau Gamma has had such long-standing success at Plattsburgh State because the members are very intentional about keeping their fraternity values at the forefront of all they do," she said.

The Chapter Accreditation Program at Plattsburgh State was created in spring 2001 as a means of motivating fraternities and sororities to improve their activities and performance.

At the end of each year, chapters are given between a one- (lowest) and five-star (highest) ranking based on their performance in the following areas: academics; membership education; community, campus and Greek life involvement; advising and review and facility and financial management.

During the past year (2003-2004), eight organizations reached four-star status. Currently, Sigma Tau Gamma is the only Greek organization to achieve five stars.

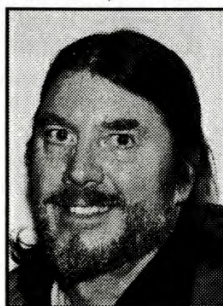
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## Spotlight

on faculty and staff

**Dennis Aprill**, full-time lecturer with the English and journalism departments, received three major statewide writing awards Oct. 23 from the New York State Outdoor Writers Association at their annual conference, this year at Dunkirk. Aprill's Sept. 3, 2003 *Press-Republican* Spectrum feature, "A drive on the very wild side," chronicling a trip from the Arctic Ocean

to Whitehorse in Canada's Yukon Territory, finished first in the Newspaper Feature Category of the Excellence in Craft competition, and his Outdoors column, "The perils of navigating through the wilderness," published in the *Press-Republican* Nov. 23, 2003, finished first in the Opinion Writing category. A second column, "DEC mum on fish stock-



Aprill



Dauphinais

ing, cutbacks, and other issues," finished third in the Opinion category. For winning, Aprill was presented two mounted and engraved, hand-carved decoys created by artist Bill Suitor. The New York State Power Authority co-sponsors the contest, which attracts entries from throughout New York State.

Vicki Labarre Dauphinais, marketing specialist, is the recipient of the Continuing Education Association of New York's James C. Hall Jr. Exemplary Program Award for the second year in a row. Dauphinais won this award for the 2004 Winter Session Catalog. These awards are based on a number of elements including target markets, distribution methods, design and cost effectiveness.



# FOCUS Calendar

Friday, Nov. 12 - Saturday, Dec. 11

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

## FRIDAY, NOV. 12

**4 p.m.** ODK Membership Meetings. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**8 p.m.** Incorruptible, Main stage comedy play by Michael Hollinger, directed by Ken Roberts. Tickets available at the Angell College Center or at the door. General \$10, Faculty/Staff/Students \$7, Plattsburgh State Students \$2. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

**8 p.m.** Symphonic Band Concert, sponsored by the Music Department. This concert is free of charge and open to all. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

## SATURDAY, NOV. 13

**9 a.m.** WQKE Starve-A-Thon Fundraiser for Food Shelf, sponsored by WQKE. Angell College Center Amite Plaza.

**9:30 a.m.** Fall Open House, sponsored by Admission's Office. Angell College Center.

**10 a.m.** Annual Fall Arts and Crafts Fair, featuring over 150 artisans from New York and Vermont. Sponsored by the Office of

Campus Life. Admission: Free for SA Members, \$2 general admission with children under 12 free of charge. Field House, Indoor Track/Gymnasium.

**2 p.m.** Alpha Sigma Lambda Induction, sponsored by Student Affairs & Enrollment Management. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**5 p.m.** Saturday Night Drag Show Spectacular, sponsored by SOUL. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**8 p.m.** Incorruptible, Comedy-Main Stage play by Michael Hollinger, directed by Ken Roberts. Tickets available at the Angell College Center or at the door. General \$10, Faculty/Staff/Students \$7, Plattsburgh State Students \$2. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

## SUNDAY, NOV. 14

**10 a.m.** Annual Fall Arts and Crafts Fair, featuring over 150 artisans from New York and Vermont. Sponsored by the Office of Campus Life. Admission:

Free for SA Members, \$2 general admission with children under 12 free of charge. Field House, Indoor Track/Gymnasium.

**5 p.m.** Alive at Five, sponsored by Protestant Campus Ministry. Angell College Center Meeting Room 4.

## MONDAY, NOV. 15

**8 p.m.** Cron Lecture, sponsored by Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

## TUESDAY, NOV. 16

**12 p.m.** New Member Workshops, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

**12 p.m.** Visiting Scholars Talk; Women in NASA, sponsored by History Department. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**12:30 p.m.** International Education Week, sponsored by International Education. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**2 p.m.** Career Development Center Fall Workshops, presents Creating Resumes and Cover Letters. Kehoe 6th

Floor Board Room.

**4:30 p.m.** Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**5:30 p.m.** Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser, sponsored by Delta Phi Epsilon. Angell Center Warren Ballrooms.

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17

**4 p.m.** Speaker: "Europe & The World on 84 cents a Day", sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

**8 p.m.** Chamber I Concert, sponsored by Music Department. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

## THURSDAY, NOV. 18

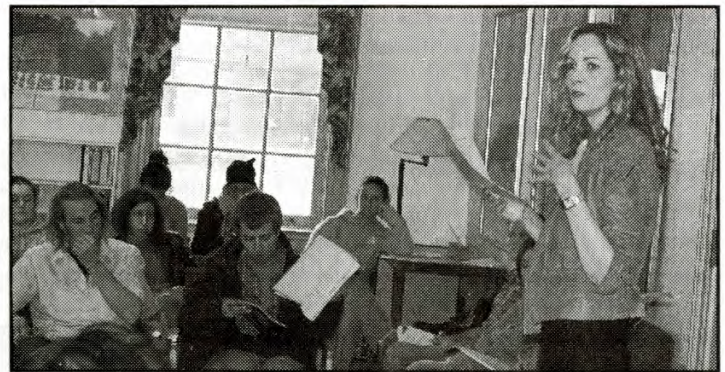
**11 a.m.** Career Development Center Fall Workshops, presents Delivering a Dynamic Interview. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**12 p.m.** International Education Week, sponsored by International Education. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**7:30 p.m.** Borderland Mountain Bike Talk, pre-



Daniel Fitts '76, executive director of the New York State Adirondack Park Agency (APA), recently returned to campus as part of the Distinguished Visiting Alumni (DVA) Program. He made a public presentation, "The Complexities of a Special Place: The Adirondack Park." Fitts also visited several earth and environmental science classes and met with many faculty and students from that program. Following graduation from SUNY Plattsburgh, Fitts went on to earn a master's from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.



Students interested in pursuing a career in the magazine industry had the opportunity to meet and talk with Kerry Diamond '91, the beauty director of *Harper's Bazaar*. During her recent visit to campus, Diamond gave two presentations. Diamond talked about her career at the Hearst publication during her first presentation. Her second talk focused on how to prepare for a job in the magazine field. Diamond has also written a book, *Kevyn Aucoin: a beautiful life*, which tells the story of the makeup artist Aucoin, who died in 2002 at age 40 of a rare pituitary tumor.



sented by Eric Schlimmer and sponsored by the Adirondack Experience Program. Krinovitz Recital Hall.

**8 p.m.** College Theatre Association Performs, Tickets at the door only - \$2. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

**9 p.m.** Academic Affairs Board Meeting, sponsored by SA Academic Affairs Board. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

#### **FRIDAY, NOV. 19**

**10 a.m.** Robin Ochs Speaker/Workshop on Bisexuality, sponsored by SOUL. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**8:00 p.m.** College Theatre Association Performs, Tickets at the door only. \$2 Admission. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

**8 p.m.** Jazz Blues Concert, Jazz Ensemble & Contemporary Combo in a concert devoted to the great American art form: The Blues. Tickets at the Angell College Center or at the door. \$5 General Admission; \$3 Faculty/Staff/Seniors/Students; \$2 Plattsburgh State Students. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

#### **SATURDAY, NOV. 20**

**6 p.m.** Step Show, sponsored by Gospel Choir. Hawkins Hall, Giltz Auditorium.

**8 p.m.** College Theatre Association, College Theatre Club performs. Tickets \$2 at the door only. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

**8 p.m.** Dance-A-Thon, sponsored by El Pueblo. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

#### **SUNDAY, NOV. 21**

**5 p.m.** Alive at Five, sponsored by Protestant Campus Ministry. Angell College Center Meeting Room 4.

**6 p.m.** Winter Fest, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

#### **MONDAY, NOV. 22**

**5 p.m.** Greek Governance Council Inauguration, sponsored by Greek Affairs.

Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**8 p.m.** Chamber II Concert, sponsored by Music Department. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

#### **TUESDAY, NOV. 23**

**11 a.m.** Career Development Center Fall Workshops presents Organizing an Effective Job Search. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**4:30 p.m.** Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meetings. Angell Center Meeting Room 1.

#### **SUNDAY, NOV. 28**

**5 p.m.** Alive at Five, sponsored by Protestant Campus Ministry. Angell Center Meeting Room 4.

#### **MONDAY, NOV. 29**

**3:30 p.m.** Faculty Emeriti Lounge grand opening, sponsored by the President's Office. 025 Hawkins Hall.

#### **TUESDAY, NOV. 30**

**10 a.m.** Career Development Center Fall Workshops presents Developing a Job Portfolio. Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**12:15 p.m.** CAS Executive Committee Mtg, sponsored by College Auxiliary Services Office. Angell Center Plattsburgh Room.

**4:30 p.m.** Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

**6:30 p.m.** Pi Sigma Alpha Plattsburgh Hazardous Waste Site Forum, sponsored by Political Science Department. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**7 p.m.** Performance Class Recital, sponsored by Music Department. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

#### **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1**

**7:30 p.m.** Guitar Ensemble Performance, sponsored by Music Department. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

**8 p.m.** NAACP Open Discussion, sponsored by NAACP. Angell College

Center Amnesty Room.

#### **THURSDAY, DEC. 2**

**8 p.m.** Dance Performance, Phillip Cole choreographer. Tickets \$2 available at the door or at the College Center Desk. Hartman Theater.

#### **FRIDAY, DEC. 3**

**4 p.m.** ODK Membership Meetings. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**7 p.m.** Beartown Ski Area, and the Adirondack Experience Program present the film "Warren Miller's Impact". Hawkins Hall, Giltz Auditorium.

#### **SATURDAY, DEC. 4**

**2 p.m.** Greek CPR Training, sponsored by Zeta Beta Tau. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge and Plattsburgh Room.

**4 p.m.** Omicron Delta Kappa New Member Induction. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

**6:30 p.m.** Fall Gospel Fest. Hawkins Hall, Giltz Auditorium.

#### **SUNDAY, DEC. 5**

**3 p.m.** Passing the Passion - Arnold Steinhardt and Helena Baillie: Violinists and violists in duo recital. Presented in association

with North Country Cultural Center for the Arts. Ticket prices to be announced. Hawkins Hall, Giltz Auditorium.

**5 p.m.** Alive at Five, sponsored by Protestant Campus Ministry. Angell Center Meeting Room 4.

#### **TUESDAY, DEC. 7**

**11 a.m.** CVPH Blood Drive. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**4:30 p.m.** Monthly Faculty Senate Meeting. Angell Center Warren Ballroom B.

#### **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8**

**12 p.m.** Committee on Greek Affairs. Angell Center Meeting Room 1.

#### **THURSDAY, DEC. 9**

**9 p.m.** Academic Affairs Board Meeting, Angell Center Meeting Room 1.

#### **SATURDAY, DEC. 11**

**8 a.m.** SBE Graduation Breakfast, sponsored by School of Business & Economics. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**11 a.m.** Winter Commencement. Faculty and graduating seniors should be at the Field House no later than 10:30 a.m.



The Music Department, in association with Hill and Hollow Music, recently hosted the professional male vocal chamber ensemble Cantus in concert. Thomas McNichols, a 2002 SUNY Plattsburgh alumnus (above, far right), sings bass in the ensemble. McNichols was honored with the "Off to a Good Start" Alumni Award by Rose Anderson '95, director of alumni affairs. The Music Department also hosted a workshop featuring Cantus members who shared ideas with the Cardinal Singers, Minor Adjustments and the SUNY Plattsburgh Men's Ensemble.



## SUNY Plattsburgh Celebrates International Education Week

SUNY Plattsburgh continues to develop as a global learning community within the SUNY system. Through its academic programs, international centers, study abroad opportunities and other programs, SUNY Plattsburgh encourages students to think globally.

As part of International Education Week, which is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education, SUNY Plattsburgh has a number of activities planned.

On Tuesday, Nov. 16, a group discussion on "International Student Experiences" will be held in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center at 12:30 p.m. This discussion will feature John Parmelee (field trip to Aruba), Dr. Amy Mountcastle (study abroad in Croatia), Cori Matthews (Project HELP in Nicaragua), Dr. Oscar Flores and Dr. Ellen Fitzpatrick (study abroad in Latin America), Frossa Loffler (Canadian Studies), Dr. Charles Simpson (study abroad in Mexico), Angela French (study abroad) and Jackie Vogl and international students at Plattsburgh State.

On Thursday, Nov. 18, a panel discussion on "International Research and Global Education" will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge. This discussion will feature Dr. Mark Cohen, Dr. Hirochi Itoh, Dr.

Bryan Higgins, Dr. John Gottschall, Dr. Mohamed Djerdjouri and Dr. Ellen Fitzpatrick. John Ettling, president of the College, will give the opening remarks.

Plattsburgh State aims to promote and celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange. It now offers more than 200 global and international courses, majors in Canadian Studies and Latin American Studies and a minor in Asian Studies, 28 study abroad programs and is a second home to more than 300 international students from 50 different countries.

Dr. Bryan Higgins, director of international education and professor of geography, said international programs at SUNY Plattsburgh seek to enhance global exposure at the College.

"We live in a global economy and whether or not students ever leave the United States, they are still connected to the rest of the world," he said. "It is important for our students to realize that and for Plattsburgh State to provide quality global exposure to our students."

The national International Education Week promotes programs that prepares Americans for the global environment and attracts future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States.

-- Kimone Joseph, PR intern



Representatives from the North American Scholars consortium for North American Mobility recently met at Plattsburgh State. The consortium includes six universities, with two from Mexico, two from Canada, and two from the U.S.—Universidad de Guadalajara, Universidad de Monterrey, University of Calgary, Université Laval, Central Washington University and SUNY Plattsburgh. Dr. John Ettling, president, hosted a luncheon for the consortium. Karen Ancira, an exchange student from Universidad de Monterrey, also attended the luncheon. The consortium recruits and sends students to partner universities in one or two of the other North American countries. The program is funded by the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (US), HRSDC (Canada), and SEP (Mexico). Lucienne Glaubinger Scholars Society scholarships and Glens Falls National Bank scholarships have also been provided for students in this program. Jacqueline Stoneberger prepared the grant application in 2002, and the grant is now in its third year. Dr. Nancy J. Church is project director of the grant program.



Philippe Couillard, the minister of health and social services in the Government of Quebec, was the first speaker of the Inaugural Distinguished Quebec Address at SUNY Plattsburgh on Monday, Nov. 8. Sponsored by the Institute on Quebec Studies, Couillard spoke on "Public Health Care in Quebec: A Model for North America." Couillard was awarded a doctorate in medicine from the Université de Montréal at the age of 22 and became a certified neurosurgeon at 28. By the time he was 32, he was the head surgeon in the Department of Neurosurgery at the Hôpital Saint-Luc. In April 2003, Couillard was elected a member of the Quebec Parliament to represent the Mont-Royal section of Montreal. He was subsequently named minister of health and social services under Quebec Premier Jean Charest. Established in February 2004, the Institute on Quebec Studies offers students a minor program in Quebec Studies. In addition to the Distinguished Quebec Address, the institute sponsors a number of other initiatives, including a Quebec Scholar-in-Residence Program and a Quebec Business Policy Forum.





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## SUNY Plattsburgh's Emeriti and Retirees Play Important Role

They have served their time as faculty and staff members at SUNY Plattsburgh and have moved on to that next journey in life known as retirement. Although most have left the confines of campus, the College's faculty emeriti and retired staff members continue to play an important role at SUNY Plattsburgh.

"Faculty emeriti and staff retirees are the keepers of history and are a vital link between the past, the present and the future," said John Ettling, president of the College. "It is important to maintain relationships with those who have invested so much to Plattsburgh State."

Many retirees have remained North Country residents and continue to have close contact with the College. Others may have left the area, but still keep informed about the College.

Retirees receive a host of benefits from the College. One of these benefits is the use of the new faculty emeriti and staff retiree lounge located in 025 Hawkins Hall. The lounge offers an environment on campus where retired members of the campus can come and use computers and a work space.

The lounge was officially opened during a recent gathering in Hawkins Hall and approximately 15 retired



**Dr. John Ettling, Dr. John Caramia and Patricia Bentley during the official opening of the new lounge.**

faculty members checked out their new space on campus.

Dr. John Caramia, faculty emeritus of professional studies, was one of the driving forces behind the idea for the lounge.

*(See Faculty Emeriti, Page 2)*

## Commencement Set for December 11

Winter Commencement is set for Saturday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. in the Field House and more than 450 SUNY Plattsburgh students are eligible to receive bachelor's and master's degrees and certificates of advanced study during the graduation exercises.

Esther Robinson, an elementary education major and Spanish minor from the Commonwealth of Dominica, will be the student speaker during commencement.



**Robinson**

"This is quite an honor," said Robinson. "I never thought that my experience at Plattsburgh State would end this way. I'm just so excited."

Robinson has spent her last semester at SUNY Plattsburgh as a student teacher at the Oak Street Elementary School and St. Peter's Elementary School.

Her post graduation plans include working in her field for a year before moving on to graduate school.

Robinson said that she has enjoyed being a student at SUNY Plattsburgh.

"At first, as expected, I went through my own private period of adjustment," she said. "But now I have fallen in love with the school and the serenity of Plattsburgh. I have become comfortable here because of the persistent love of my family and the company of new-found, sincere friends."

Robinson said she has met several professors who have inspired her.

*(See Commencement, Page 6)*





The third annual Celebration of Scholarship was recently held in the Feinberg Library. The celebration honors the scholarly accomplishments of SUNY Plattsburgh's academic and professional staff. These accomplishments included: the writing of books, book chapters, refereed journal articles, encyclopedic and reference essays and other articles, reviews and published abstracts; receiving grants for research and special projects; exhibitions, plays and concerts; and making presentations at regional, national and international conferences and meetings. Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs, spoke at the event (above). This year's celebration was the first of several events under the theme leading up to the inauguration on April 16, 2005 for John Ettling, the 10th president of SUNY Plattsburgh.



Fall Open House welcomed about 275 prospective students and their families to campus on Nov. 13. It was a record attendance for the fall program. The day started off with a group presentation to the nearly 825 visitors to campus in the E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium in Hawkins Hall. Featured speakers included Dr. Stephen Light, associate dean of arts and science and professor of sociology and criminal justice; William Laundry, interim vice president for student affairs; Robert Owen, admissions advisor; Kerry Chapin, admissions advisor; and Azilla Clarke, a junior from St. Kitts. Following the presentation, the students and families were divided into small groups and taken on campus tours, led by 80 student volunteers. The day rounded out with a student services fair and academic fair at the Angell College Center.

## *Faculty Emeriti (Continued from Page 1)*

"After being given the opportunity to explore and do research and to be supported by the College as faculty members, that experience stays with you and you want to stay involved with the campus after you retire."

Caramia said that the lounge can be used for many different purposes by the retirees.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for retirees," said Caramia. "It will now be possible to have retirees' luncheons here, and I know there are other uses we haven't thought about yet. This would also be an ideal space for senior classes."

Caramia, who retired from SUNY Plattsburgh in 1984, started an adult learning program on campus several years ago and said that with the new lounge it may be possible to revive the program.

"We must continue to be supportive of all efforts to improve and strengthen the education at Plattsburgh State," said Caramia. "I think many of us also enjoy the

atmosphere of academia with all of its diversities. We enjoy being a part of education."

Patricia Bentley, librarian and the United University Professions chapter president, was also a strong advocate for the lounge. She said that the new lounge will be a vibrant space for retirees.

"I'm thrilled with it," said Bentley. "Emeriti faculty are the legacy of the College. They are the institutional memory we'd never want to lose. Even though retired and perhaps refocused, they still have so much to offer the College. On a personal note, as a 28-year member of the College, this is a co-hort we want to celebrate and to embrace as vital members of our community. They continue to serve as mentors to both current faculty and staff members and to students as well."

Dr. Julius Archibald, faculty emeritus of computer science, said that as a Plattsburgh resident he has very strong ties to the campus.

"For those of us who have come and worked at Plattsburgh through the years, we're not anxious to close that chapter of our lives," said Archibald who retired in 1996.

"I think the retirees lounge is a wonderful idea. With most other forms of employment, when you retire, you're out of it. But this is different. We continue to hold an academic rank of emeriti. We're still part of this institution."

Retirees also have other benefits on campus. They can purchase a Fitness Center membership at the same rate as faculty/staff and are able to use the recreational facilities. They can park on campus after purchasing a hang tag for \$16.05. Emeriti and retirees are able to retain library privileges in retirement and can also retain their email accounts.

"Maintaining our close relationships with retired members of our community is mutually beneficial and important to the entire campus community," said Ettling.



## Foundation for Excellent Schools Basketball Challenge Kicks Off at SUNY Plattsburgh

The boys and girls varsity and junior varsity basketball teams from Willsboro, Westport, Elizabethtown-Lewis and Crown Point recently visited campus to kick off the 2004-05 Achievement Challenge sponsored by the Foundation for Excellent Schools (FES).

The Willsboro Warriors, the Westport Eagles, the Elizabethtown-Lewis Lions and the Crown Point Panthers will engage in a season-long challenge to score the most points for their schools based on the following three criteria: team grade-point-average (GPA), team attendance and community service.

The kickoff was held on Monday, Nov. 15 in Memorial Hall. Members of the Plattsburgh State men's and women's basketball teams were also on hand as special guests for the kickoff event.

Members of the four hoop teams from each school will combine their GPAs, the percentage of school days attended and a variety of community service activities in order to compete with the other schools. The winning school will receive a special trophy at the end of the challenge next spring.

FES is a nonprofit group dedicated to encouraging all students to take "One More Step." The organization works with students and teachers across the country to develop and strengthen practices that inspire a culture of achievement. Since 1991, FES has assisted more than 140,000 stu-



Area high school students visited campus to kick off the 2004-05 Achievement Challenge.

dents in 25 states improve test scores, earn better grades, graduate from high school and pursue post-secondary opportunities.

Through FES, SUNY Plattsburgh is partnered with public schools in high-need communities to raise student aspirations and performance.

## Winter Session Offers Diverse Courses for Students, Community

Winter Session at SUNY Plattsburgh provides the opportunity for students and community members alike to take a variety of courses in January. For students, it's an excellent opportunity to earn credits in a short amount of time.

The sessions will run from Jan. 3 to 21 and will provide exciting learning opportunities for students of all ages. The courses are scheduled in a variety of ways that allow students to take more than one class if they need to. Students will benefit from small class sizes and more one-on-one time with professors.

Other benefits of taking Winter Session courses for students include a chance to graduate early, to reduce spring and/or fall course loads and the opportunity to improve grade point averages.

Some courses take place outside the traditional classroom and are designed to facilitate learning in non-traditional ways. In addition, this year there will be more

general education courses offered that generally fill up during the regular fall and spring semesters.

A few of the unique courses offered during winter session include "Life in Winter" (BIO 130), which introduces students to the study of adaptations that enable organisms to survive cold climates and "Zen Therapy: Healing, Haiku, Nature" (CLG526) which explores Zen values, practices and modes of experiencing. Emphasis will be placed upon therapeutic applications of selflessness, connection with nature and experiencing and expressing the here and now through ritual and writing.

There are also a variety of Winter Session courses available online. For more information about Winter Session, contact the Center for Lifelong Learning at 564-2050 or visit <http://www.plattsburgh.edu/academics/winter/index.php>

-- Kimone Joseph, PR intern



## Phi Eta Sigma Honored

Phi Eta Sigma, the Freshmen Honor Society, was recently honored by its national organization during a conference in Savannah, Ga. Robert Harsh, Education Opportunity Program advisor and the SUNY Plattsburgh chapter advisor (right), and the officers were awarded the Commendation of Excellence. The student officers are Megan Stuart, president (not pictured), Elizabeth Esposito, vice president (left), and Steven Ross, treasurer (middle). Phi Eta Sigma's goal is to honor and encourage freshmen students with high scholastic achievement. The oldest and largest freshman honor society, Phi Eta Sigma was founded at the University of Illinois on March 22, 1923. There are over 350 campus chapters nationwide and more than 700,000 members.



# focus on seniors

On Saturday, Dec. 11, SUNY Plattsburgh will send forth another group of graduates who are off to start the next step in their lives. Some will continue their education at institutions across the country while others will enter the workforce. We're proud of each and every one of them and can be confident that they have a solid foundation as a result of their Plattsburgh State education. The following articles highlight a few students from the Plattsburgh State Class of 2004. Senior (Spotlights written by Kimone Joseph, Public Relations Intern.)

**Anthony Malakian** is a journalism major from Carmel, N.Y. Once he graduates, Malakian plans to work for a newspaper near his hometown. He currently writes for *Boxing World*, a national boxing magazine, and plans to continue after graduation.



**Malakian**

Malakian says that although he has enjoyed his time at Plattsburgh State, he is excited to graduate.

"I like Plattsburgh State because being here has certainly turned my life around," he said. "However, I am look-

ing forward to getting into the working world and earning a paycheck."

Malakian has been part of the Plattsburgh State student newspaper *Cardinal Points* for four semesters. He has served as a staff writer, opinions editor and managing editor. During his two semesters as managing editor, *Cardinal Points* was selected as an "All-American newspaper."

Malakian said that the professor who has had the most impact is Shawn Murphy, associate professor of journalism.

He said, "Mr. Murphy has not only helped and guided me, he has also been a man that I am proud to have as a friend."

**Jamie Leigh Billington**, an elementary education major (social studies) from Plattsburgh, will be graduating with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. After graduation, Billington will return to SUNY Plattsburgh to work on a master's degree in literacy education.



**Billington**

As a local student, Billington said

she has really enjoyed being part of the Plattsburgh State community.

"I have enjoyed attending classes at a school that has always been part of my community," she said. "I have appreciated the meaningful interaction with professors and peers."

Billington was the recipient of two awards for Outstanding Performance in Humanities, the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, the Joyce Papineau Scholarship and a Transfer Merit Scholarship. She is also a member of the Honors Program.

**Jean Gay** is a graduating French major originally from Haiti. Gay plans to go to graduate school to study French literature.



**Gay**

Gay said SUNY Plattsburgh offered the perfect study atmosphere he needed to succeed.

"I found the atmosphere here very conducive to learning," he said. "I was able to do well because I felt relaxed

and safe."

Gay said that although he is happy to graduate, he knows that this is only the beginning.

"It feels good to have come this far," he said. "Yet I know I have a long way to go since I also want to pursue a Ph.D."

Gay has been an active member of the French Club and has been on the Dean's List.

He received the Foreign Language Academic Achievement Award last spring.

**Kimone C. Joseph**, from the Commonwealth of Dominica, will be graduating summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communication. Joseph plans to study public relations at the graduate level next fall. She is currently an intern in the SUNY Plattsburgh Office of Public Relations.

"I am really excited about graduation," said Joseph.

"I have enjoyed my time here tremendously, and I am eager to share what I have learned with the world."



**Joseph**

Her favorite classes have been all the courses taught by Dr. Shakuntalah Rao.

"Dr. Rao is just so amazing," she said. "Her classes have opened my eyes to many issues affecting our world. She gives her students a chance to discuss their views and to listen and understand the opinions of others."

Joseph has been very active on campus. She is a resident assistant in Wilson Hall, a student ambassador and is a member of Alpha Phi Sorority. She has served on the CAS Grant Committee and has been a teaching assistant for the communications department and Educational Opportunity Program.

Joseph has received numerous honors and awards at this college. She is a presidential scholar. She received the Lawrence and Stasia Arcarese Scholarship, the Toni C. Bloom Memorial Award and the WVN - ABC 22 Excellence in Mass Media Award. She is the treasurer of Lambda Pi Eta (national communications honors society) and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa and Sigma Tau Delta (national English honor society).



# focus on seniors

## Daniela Paliderova

is a political science major and accounting minor from Slovakia. Paliderova's plans for after graduation include working as a paralegal in New York City and starting law school next fall. Paliderova said she will never forget the time she spent at Plattsburgh State.



**Paliderova**

"I got the opportunity to participate in many organizations and to learn new things," she said. "Everything I have done has helped me to grow as a person, and that is the most important part of a college education."

Paliderova said she has enjoyed most of her classes at Plattsburgh State and she has high praise for the honors program.

"I loved the honors seminars because they give students the opportunity to discuss topics in a smaller setting," she said. "The professors who teach these seminars are unique and they make students interested in listening to the opinions of others."

During her time at Plattsburgh State, Paliderova has been a resident assistant, a student ambassador, a senator, officio of academics and chief justice of appellate court for the Student Association. She served as the sophomore and junior representative of the Honor Student Association and is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honors society, and Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society.

## Perlitter Walters

from the Commonwealth of Dominica, will be graduating magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in international business and Spanish.



**Walters**

After graduation, Walters hopes to pursue a master's degree in international marketing and become an international consultant.

Walters said her time at Plattsburgh State has certainly made a lasting impression on her life.

"I was able to find a home here and to share my culture while I learned from others," said Walters. "Although I will miss Plattsburgh State, I am excited to take the skills I have learned here into the working world."

Walters has been very involved in the campus community. She works at the center for student health and psychological services. She has served as the vice chair of the Academic Affairs Board and is a member of the Student Advisory Council of the School of Business and Economics, the International Student Advisory Board and she is the treasurer of the Plattsburgh State Gospel Choir.

She has received numerous awards including the Giltz Family International Award to Study Abroad in Mexico, the Roger Merriam Scholarship, the Douglas and Jennifer Sloan Scholarship and the Redcay Honors Scholarship.

She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa and Beta Gamma Sigma.

## Michelle Schonzeit

is an individualized studies major from Plattsburgh.

Her self-designed major encompassed program content from the Adirondack Experience Program and environmental science department.



**Schonzeit**

During her studies, Schonzeit interned with the National Park Service in Yosemite and Olympic National Parks. This experience led to a summer job at Grand Teton National Park in a program that recruits career-bound National Park Service employees.

After she graduates, Schonzeit will head to Crater Lake National Park in Oregon to begin her career as a law enforcement ranger.

According to Schonzeit, the last four years at Plattsburgh State have been a wonderful experience.

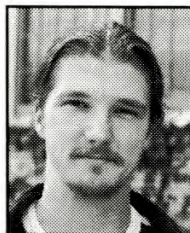
"I have made some lifelong friends, and I have gained knowledge that will enable me to excel in my career," she said.

This past year, Schonzeit has been working on a research/thesis project titled, "Risk Mitigation in Mountain Rescue Operations." She has examined national current standards for risk mitigation in rescue work along with specific case studies of accidents during operations. From this she created new safety standard proposals for the field. Schonzeit hopes to continue her research and publish further findings.

**Ron Tucker** is an earth and environmental science major from Queensbury, N.Y. Tucker hopes to attend the University of Maine for graduate school.

Tucker's favorite professor at Plattsburgh State has been Dr. Ken Adams, distinguished teaching professor of earth and environmental science.

"Dr. Adams has been the most influential person in my academic career to date," he said. "He is overly intelligent, but extremely humble. He is easygoing,



**Tucker**

and I have never seen a student get under his skin."

Tucker has participated in several research projects during his time here.

"I have participated in NSF funded research projects. This semester, I was awarded the Schmid Scholarship," Tucker said. "My first project involved studying riparian ecosystem at Miner Institute. This winter, I will be looking at managed and unmanaged watersheds in the Adirondacks."

He is currently wrapping up an independent study on tree regeneration in a disturbed forest using shading as a variable.



# FOCUS Calendar

Friday, Dec. 3 - Tuesday, Dec. 14

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

## FRIDAY, DEC. 3

**4 p.m.** ODK Membership Meetings. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**7 p.m.** Beartown Ski Area and the Adirondack Experience Program present the film, "Warren Miller's Impact." E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 4

**2 p.m.** Greek CPR Training, sponsored by Zeta Beta Tau. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge and Plattsburgh Room.

**4 p.m.** Omicron Delta

Kappa New Member Induction, sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

**6:30 p.m.** Fall Gospel Fest, sponsored by Gospel Choir. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

## SUNDAY, DEC. 5

**5 p.m.** Alive at Five, sponsored by Protestant Campus Ministry. Angell College Center Meeting Room 4.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 7

**11 a.m.** CVPB Blood Drive,

sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Plattsburgh Room.

**12:15 p.m.** UUP Teaching Evaluation Meeting. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**4:30 p.m.** Monthly Faculty Senate Meeting, sponsored by Faculty Senate. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom B.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8

**11:30 a.m.** Holiday Buffet, sponsored by Sodexo. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**1 p.m.** College Council Meeting. In addition to summary reports from academic affairs, student affairs, business affairs and institutional advancement, the council will discuss the enrollment management plan and the budget. They will also receive an update on campus construction projects. The meeting is open to the public.

**12 p.m.** Committee on Greek Affairs, sponsored by

Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 9

**9 p.m.** Academic Affairs Board Meeting, sponsored by SA Academic Affairs Board. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 10

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## TUESDAY, DEC. 14

**1 p.m.** UUP Retiree Meeting/Luncheon, sponsored by UUP. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

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"During my time at the College, I have pursued the things I love: Spanish, music and education," she said. "Along the way, I met professors who loved these as much as I do. I was able to establish warm, working relationships with my professors because we share this common ground."

Robinson is the director of the Newman Center Sunday Choir, and she has been involved in other campus choirs. She participated in Alternative Spring Breaks, World Week events and Club Caribbean activities.

Robinson has also worked in the Claude J. Clark Learning Center, the Educational Opportunity Program and the International Student Services Office.

She has received numerous awards on campus including the Fanny S. Schiff Scholarship and the Foreign Language Award.

Robinson is also a member of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the national honor society for non-traditional adult stu-

dents, Phi Kappa Phi, the national academic honors society, and Kappa Delta Pi, the international Education honor society.

Dr. John Ettling will preside over his first commencement ceremony as the 10th president of SUNY Plattsburgh.

Dr. Charles I. Zinser, professor of geography, will serve as the faculty marshal for the commencement ceremony. Zinser joined the faculty as an instructor in 1966 and served as the first chair of the geography department in 1973-74. Zinser will lead the processional of faculty and students into the ceremony, carrying the College mace.

The Adirondack Brass will provide the music including "Pomp and Circumstance" and the Champlain District Pipe Band will play the bagpipes.

The Cardinal Singers, under the direction of Timothy Morningstar, adjunct lecturer of music, will also perform during the ceremony.



## Student Profile: Joselyn "Josie" Rivera

Senior mass communications and Spanish major, Joselyn "Josie" Rivera can still remember the excitement she felt when she first visited SUNY Plattsburgh during her senior year of high school. Originally from the Dominican Republic, Rivera now lives in Bronx, N.Y.

Rivera maintains a busy schedule at Plattsburgh State. She is a resident assistant in Kent Hall. She is a Spanish tutor at the Claude J. Clark Learning Center and a writing, Spanish and mass communications tutor at the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP).

Rivera is the producer/director of "Plattsburgh Now" and "News Break" for Plattsburgh State Television (PSTV). She is a member of the Chi Alpha Epsilon (national EOP honor society), Omicron Delta Kappa (national leadership honor society) and Lambda Pi Eta (national communications honor society).

Rivera recalls that her decision to come to Plattsburgh was made within hours of her first visit to the campus.

"As soon as I got here I loved everything about this campus," she said. "Everyone was so welcoming and friend-



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ly, I felt instantly at home."

Looking back, Rivera is happy that she chose Plattsburgh State.

"I have learned so many things here," she said. "I am not only talking about classroom education. Plattsburgh State has given me the opportunity to grow as a person, because the students and professors are always inspiring me to learn all I can in order for me to live a full life."

One of the people who has inspired Rivera is Dr. Fernando Iturburu, associate professor in the foreign language and literature and Latin American studies departments.

"Dr. Iturburu is really a wonderful teacher," said Rivera. "He pushes his students to reach their full potential because he is determined to ensure that everyone who takes his class succeeds."

Rivera also enjoys her mass communications production classes because they provide hands-on experiences that she believes will be vital for her career as a television producer and journalist.

Rivera would like to encourage students to be adventurous and to go after the things they want in life.

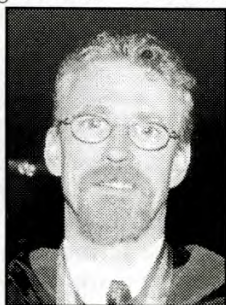
"Students should never be afraid to try new things and to take risk because we never know our full potential unless we try."

-- Kimone Joseph, PR intern

## Spotlight on faculty and staff

**Dr. Vincent Carey**, professor and chair of the history department, was the guest curator for the exhibit, "Voices for Tolerance in the Age of Persecution," at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C. The exhibit, which was on display through October, told the story of the struggle between tolerance and persecution. Carey drew on the Folger's rich collections of 16th and 17th century books, manuscripts and works of art to create the exhibit. In 2001-02, Carey was awarded a long-term National Endowment for the Humanities funded fellowship at the Folger Shakespeare Library.

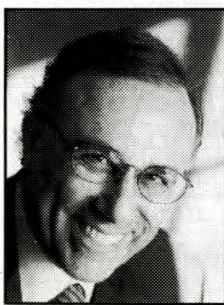
**Dr. Greg Gregoriou**, assistant professor of finance



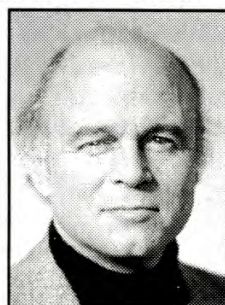
Carey

in the School of Business and Economics, has written several books during the past year and has another due out early next year. He co-edited the book, *Hedge Funds: Strategies, Risk Assessment, and Returns*, published by Beard Books. He also co-edited the book, *Performance Evaluation of Hedge Funds*, also published by Beard Books. He is the co-editor of the book, *Commodity Trading Advisors: Risk, Performance Analysis, and Selection*, which came out in September and published by John Wiley and Sons, Inc. A fourth book, also published by Wiley, *Evaluating Hedge Fund and CTA Performance: Data Envelopment Analysis Approach*, is scheduled for April 2005.

**Dr. Alexis Levitin**, professor of English, spent the last year on sabbatical. He authored numerous



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Levitin

publications and gave several lectures. His poetry translations have appeared in the following magazines: *Osiris*, *New England Review*, *Blue Unicorn*, *Rhino*, *Absinthe*, *Grand Street*, *Salamander*, *Controlled Burn*, *Cimarron Review* and *13th Moon*. Numerous writings by Levitin have also been accepted for future publication in *Osiris*, *The Literary Review*, *Prairie Schooner*, *Chelsea*, *Cimarron Review*, *Two Rivers Review*, *Marlboro Review*, *Northwest Review*, *Natural Bridge*, *Portuguese Literary and Cultural Studies*, *Sulphur River Literary Review*, *The Dirty Goat* and *Mid-American Review*. He visited the following colleges and universities where he gave readings and lectures on translation: University of Sofia in Bulgaria, Dickinson College, Northern Iowa University, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Macalester College, Western Michigan University, Central Michigan University, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, St. Mary's College in Indiana and Smith College. He also visited Budapest where he co-translated Georgi Gospodinov's *And Other Stories*.



## Student Association Creates Online Book Exchange Program

SUNY Plattsburgh students can now use a new program to purchase and sell used textbooks. The Student Association (SA) has created an online book exchange as an alternative to addressing the cost of textbooks.

According to Vice President for Academics Michael Cashman, the SA has been seeking an answer to this issue for a number of years.

"Over the years, students have constantly complained about the rising cost of textbooks," he said. "We believe that this online exchange is one solution to that problem."

The book exchange is a two-part program. First, it will provide a medium for buyers and sellers to connect through an online posting program. Students who wish to sell books will have to register. However, those who wish to purchase books do not need to register. Instead, they will be able to go directly online and search through categories such as title, academic subject or professors' names.

Secondly, the SA is appealing to faculty members to share their choice of textbooks for next semester so that a comprehensive list can be available at least a month in advance for students to start searching for the best deals.

"This is considered to be a beta program, and it will grow as student interest in it grows," said Cashman. "We want to encourage professors to remind students that this resource is available and to reuse books for several semesters in order for this resource to be successful. We also want students to know that although we cannot guarantee that

they are going to make lots of money, this program is an alternative."

According to Cashman, the new program also has benefits for Plattsburgh State students.

"Students need to be smart consumers who look for the best deal," he said. "Using the online exchange can definitely save students money in the long run."

In addition, Cashman believes that the provision of programs, like the online book exchange, serves as evidence to students that the SA is making positive contributions.

"The creation of programs like this shows that the SA takes all concerns of our students, whether academic or extra curricula, seriously," he said. "The SA is dedicated to providing better services for students in order to enhance their quality of life while they are at Plattsburgh State. We can only hope that students will take advantage of this program because it seeks to enhance their college experience and provide for their needs."

Under Cashman's guidance, the SA Academic Affairs Board worked closely with the computer science department in order to develop the online book exchange program. Chris Arena '03 worked diligently on the Website's design and implementation. Along the way, Symen Mulders, program/analyst at computing and media services, helped to get the site up and running. The program is now ready for use.

-- Kimone Joseph, PR intern

## Students Present Research at International Conference

Six SUNY Plattsburgh students recently traveled to Montreal to present their scientific research findings at the Sigma Xi Student Research Conference.

Undergraduates from more than one hundred institutions around the world presented their research, attended career-focused workshops, met graduate school recruiters and networked with Sigma Xi members.

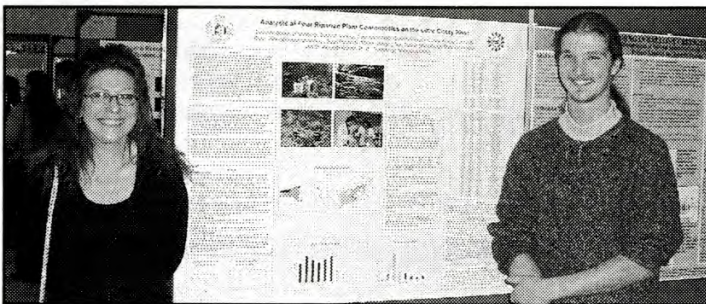
The conference showcased some of the premier undergraduate research in the world. The research is judged and given one of four levels of recognition: fair, good, excellent and superior. The SUNY Plattsburgh students excelled and were awarded one superior honor with the rest receiving excellent status.

Deborah Becker and Ron Tucker presented "Analysis of Four Riparian Plant Communities on the Little Chazy River." Their advisor is Dr. Ken Adams, distinguished teaching professor of earth and environmental science. They were awarded an excellent ribbon.

David Chrostowski presented "Isolation, Cloning and Thermodynamic Characterization of the Che Y Protein from the Extreme Thermophile *Pyrococcus abyssi*." His advisor is Dr. William Deutschman, assistant professor of chemistry. Chrostowski was awarded an excellent ribbon.

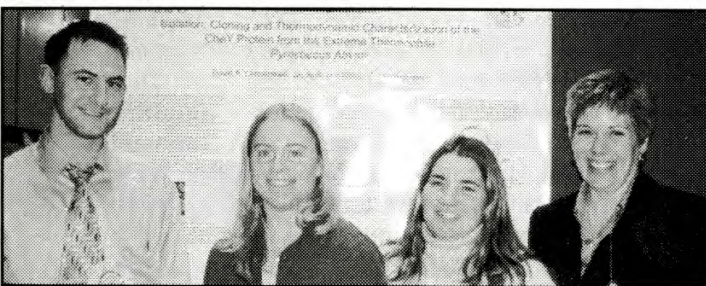
Kathleen Lanzer presented "Identification and Preliminary Characterization of the Heat Shock Protein 60 Encoding Gene of *Paramecium tetraurelia*." She was awarded an excellent ribbon. Her advisor is Dr. Nancy Elwess, associate professor of biological sciences.

Melissa Rush presented "The Effect of Gradient Magnetic Fields on *Paramecium tetraurelia*." Elwess is her



Above: Deborah Becker and Ron Tucker.

Below: David Chrostowski, Sarah Shuster, Melissa Rush and Kathleen Lanzer.



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Sara Shuster presented "Thermodynamic Characterization of a Single Point Mutation on the Che Y protein from the Thermophile *Thermotoga martina*." She was honored with the top award given, the superior award, which means her work exceeded the judges' expectations for undergraduate research. Her advisor is also Deutschman.